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Naiker is a senior pharmaceutical industry executive with over 22 years of strategic and operational leadership within the South African pharmaceutical industry, with extensive experience in corporate affairs, regulatory affairs and quality management.

In the last 14 years, Naiker is Partner and Co-founder of KD CONSULTING PHARMACEUTICAL SOLUTIONS (KDC), a leading pharmaceutical consulting group in South Africa, offering specialised pharmaceutical services to an extensive list of clients incorporating both local South African companies to multinational pharmaceutical companies.

Naiker is also Director and Co-Founder of UMSEBE HEALTHCARE, a South African pharmaceutical company specialising in the supply of niche medicines and medical devices for the South African market, with a particular focus on servicing the area of unmet medical needs in South and Southern Africa. In the past 4 years Naiker has, in her role as Managing Director, taken on board the mandate to grow and develop the Umsebe product and service offering with a key focus on addressing unmet medical needs in South Africa and Southern Africa, including assisting the country in mitigating risk in supply chains with limited supply options, together with offering clients of KDC a vehicle to enter the South African market commercially, if this is a solution they seek. Current focus on supply of essential medicines on short supply to both private and public sectors, supply of emergency medicines during COVID-19 crisis, as well as the supply of medical device / personal protective equipment during COVID-19 crisis.

Naiker's vision is to make a positive contribution to healthcare delivery in Southern Africa, with a personal drive for social justice, and a personal focus on addressing unmet medical needs as well as the delivery of quality healthcare for all in an ethical and sustainable way.

Naiker has extensive knowledge of the South African and Sub-Saharan African regulatory and distribution landscape and how to strategically access these markets. Naiker has a deep understanding of the South African medicine regulatory framework, and has a well-established and healthy relationship with the regulatory authorities, in overcoming the first hurdle to medicine access, and has an established network for distribution.

Naiker was an invited guest speaker at the Southern African Generic Manufacturers Association conference held in Johannesburg in June 2013, on the subject of medicine regulation across Africa, has been an invited guest lecturer in Regulatory Affairs since 2014 within the Postgraduate Diploma in Medicines Development - PGDip (Med Dev) program run by the Faculty of Medicines and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, Cape Town.

Naiker is an experienced pharmaceutical auditor with extensive quality management and regulatory compliance experience in both large multinational pharmaceutical environment and start-ups. Naiker is a Cherie Blair Foundation Mentee Alumni (Program for 2018-2020), and mentor in an independent capacity to a female entrepreneur and business owner of a micro-enterprise in Cape Town, South Africa.

Prior to co-founding UMSEBE HEALTHCARE and KDC, Naiker held the positions of Managing Director and Pharmaceutical Manager at Intervet (Pty) Ltd, a South African subsidiary of a Dutch multinational veterinary pharmaceutical manufacturing company and a division of Akzo Nobel B.V., now MSD Animal Health (Pty) Ltd. In these executive management roles, Naiker has had extensive people management experience, strategic and operational management experience in transitioning through mergers and acquisitions and significant exponential company growth, as well as strategic and operational experience in managing all pharmaceutical operational divisions of the business.

Naiker is licenced as a pharmacist with the South African Pharmacy Council and practices as a pharmacist in South Africa. She is a registered member of the South African Pharmaceutical Society and an active member of South African Pharmacists in Industry and the Southern African Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affairs Association in her personal capacity, and a member of various industry associations as a representative of her company.