

Marius Kloppers

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Marius was born in South Africa. He obtained a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pretoria (South Africa), a PhD from MIT (USA) and a MBA from Insead (France).

His early career was in petrochemicals with Sasol and materials research with Mintek, both in South Africa. After obtaining his MBA he worked as a management consultant with McKinsey & Co in The Netherlands.

Marius joined the Group in 1993 in the aluminium business and subsequently held a variety of operating and functional roles including General Manager, Hillside Aluminium, and Chief Operating Officer, Aluminium. He was a core member of the team that created the Group's aluminium business. Prior to the formation of BHP Billiton, he held other roles including Chief Executive Samancor Manganese and Group Executive of Billiton Plc with responsibility for its coal and manganese businesses.

He played a central role in the merger of BHP and Billiton, and held the positions of Chief Marketing Officer and then Chief Commercial Officer before being appointed Group President, Non-Ferrous Materials and an executive Director of BHP Billiton Limited and BHP Billiton Plc in January 2006.

Marius is married to Carin, who he met in high school. They live in Melbourne, Australia with their three children, Noni, Reuben and Gabrielle.

