Corporate Profile 2020 / Unifreight Africa Ltd
Business Profile

Operating within Zimbabwe for over 70 years, Unifreight is a proudly Zimbabwean, well-established, national transport company. Unifreight specialises in courier, express-freight, full-loads, consolidated shipments and abnormal loads. Unifreight also providing fully maintained and monitored contract/hire fleets and offering comprehensive logistics solutions.

Unifreight operates through the brands of SWIFT, BULWARK and SKYNET. Unifreight is the only logistics solution company in Zimbabwe that can boast a truly nationwide network, guaranteeing delivery and service anywhere within 48 hours.

Shareholding Structure

Unifreight Africa Limited fully complies with Zimbabwean indigenisation requirements as per the Indigenisation and Economic Empowerment Act CHAPTER 14:33, and is a publicly listed company on the Zimbabwe Stock Exchange. Its shareholding is disclosed publicly, in print and online, as part of its ZSE obligations.
History

Unifreight was originally formed in the UK in 1946 as United Transport Company. The United Transport Company was later sold to British Electric Traction in 1971 which was, as a whole, bought out by Rentokil (UK) in 1996, then finally acquired by locally owned Pioneer Corporation Africa in 2011 in the form of a reverse listing. Over the years, various transport operations were acquired across Southern Africa growing the fleet and increasing its versatility.

Current Situation

Unifreight has the largest depot distribution network in Zimbabwe with 34 depots strategically situated around the country. There are 9 depots in Harare, 2 in Beitbridge, 2 in Bulawayo and 1 each in Bindura, Chegutu, Chinhoyi, Chipinge, Chiredzi, Gokwe, Gwanda, Gweru, Hwange, Kadoma, Kariba, Karoi, Kwekwe, Marondera, Masvingo, Mutare, Mutoko, Mvurwi, Rusape, Victoria Falls and Zvishavane. Unifreight also has a large, modern fleet of vehicles, with 89 tractors, 128 C&D vehicles, 177 trailers and 3 passenger coaches, to facilitate contracts with some of Zimbabwe’s biggest corporations.

Future Goals

Zimbabwe is strategically situated within Southern Africa and has good trading relationships with its neighbours. Freight movement is done mostly via road network as the rail infrastructure is often unreliable. Unifreight Africa Limited will be exploring regional opportunities as well as consolidating its Zimbabwean operations. Unifreight Africa Limited is confident that the future is bright and will always be willing and able to provide logistics solutions for every need.
Under the Unifreight Africa umbrella

Unifreight Africa Ltd has over 70 years' heritage as the undisputed leader in the transport and logistics sector of Zimbabwe, and is now the umbrella identity of a group of the industry's foremost brands, all deeply invested in Africa's future.

Established over 70 years ago, Swift Transport is a dynamic force in the world of road freight and distribution solutions across Zimbabwe. With a well-established range of service offerings, Swift's transport solutions are varied through its main services – Swift Courier Express, Swift Express, Swift Freight, Swift Full loads and Swift Mutakuri.

Bulwark Transport offers customers a dedicated, customised and specialised transport & logistics service, enabling them to concentrate on their core business while the purchasing, maintenance and management of their company branded fleet is under control.

Skynet Worldwide Express Zimbabwe operates under Swift Transport, and offers the international and domestic platform for courier and airfreight services. It has a network. It has a network stretching across seven continents, delivering fast, reliable and secure express delivery to over 209 countries worldwide.
Executive Management

Rob Kuipers - Chief Executive Officer

Rob Kuipers was born in Zimbabwe and educated at Falcon College. He attended the University of Pietermaritzburg, reading for a Bachelor of Commerce Degree. After some overseas travel, he went on to do Honors in accounting, and articles with KPMG. He passed the ICAZ Board Exams on his first attempt. Rob then worked as the Finance Manager for a large agro-business, Butler Farms. Rob joined Pioneer Transport. As the Finance Director he took the company public by reverse listing Pioneer Transport into the ZSE listed Clan Holding. Then Rob ran a number of his own companies in the Southern African region. Rob returned to Zimbabwe in 2010 and joined Swift Transport as the Managing Director. He is a citizen of and resides in Zimbabwe.

Mosi Sibanda – Financial Controller and Public Accountant

Mosi joined Unifreight Limited as Management Accountant in November 1989 after a stint in clerical roles with Government and ZBC. He rose through the ranks in the Finance Department assuming the roles of Financial Controller (2004) and Chief Accountant (2006). In September 2007, Mosi was appointed to the position of Finance Director heading the finance function of Unifreight Limited Operating Divisions of Swift, Bulwark and Engineering, a position he held until the acquisition in December 2013 of Unifreight business by Unifreight Africa Limited (formerly Pioneer Corporation Africa). Following re-structuring, Mosi was appointed Financial Controller and Public Accountant.

Mosi is an Associate member of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ACIS) and registered as a Public Accountant with PAAB.

Lisbon Mhonda – Finance Executive

Lisbon joined Unifreight Africa Limited as Finance Executive in August 2016 after having gained significant knowledge and experience during his eight years with EY Chartered Accountants (Zimbabwe). Over the years at one of the country's largest accounting firms, Lisbon was an invaluable team member in financial statements audits of big corporates in the following industries; FMCG, Transport and Logistics, Oil and Gas, Manufacturing, Telecommunications, Financial services and Mining. His vast experience which also includes forensic audit and performance improvement engagements cut across southern African countries, namely Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa.

Lisbon is a registered member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Zimbabwe (ICAZ) and a Registered Public Auditor with Public Accountants’ and Auditors’ Board (PAAB).
It is with deep sadness that we announce the untimely death of one of our executive management team, Mr Alf Hunderrmark, our Operations Director for Swift, after fighting a tough battle with Cancer.
Alf was born in Shurugwi, Zimbabwe and was educated at Guinea Fowl School in Gweru. Alf joined Swift in 1984 as a Sales Representative servicing Bulawayo, he was promoted and moved to Gweru as Regional Sales Representative – Midlands. He was then promoted again and moved to Harare as Commercial Administrations Manager. Alf held numerous positions within Swift in Harare. He was appointed General Manager, Swift in 2009, and after the restructure of Unifreight in 2010 he was appointed Operations Director Swift.
Alf was an integral part of our executive team, and with his experience and expertise in logistics and operations, helped grow the business that he had dedicated his working life to. His commitment to the company and our team will be very sorely missed. He resided in Harare and is survived by his wife Linda and his three children, Karl, Lara and Emma. God speed dear colleague and friend, may your soul rest in peace.

Ndumiso Mpofu – Operations Director

Ndumiso Mpofu Joined Swift in March 1991 as a management Trainee. He later moved to Bulwark in 1993 to become Contracts manager. Ndumiso has held numerous senior positions in the company including Depot Manager – Bulwark Harare, Operations Manager – Bulwark & Blue Arrow, Business Manager and General Manager. He holds qualifications in Business Leadership, Transport Management and is a Chartered Member of the Institute of Logistics and Transport.

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Abraham Mahiya – Sales Director

Abraham joined Unifreight in June 2007 as Marketing Executive having held senior management positions since 1992 for Art Corporation (General Manager-Marketing), Delta Corporation (Marketing Services Manager) and Total Oils Zimbabwe (sales manager).
Abraham is a keen golfer and fitness enthusiast. He strongly believes in networking as a key business development tool.

Mark Dawson – Business Development Manager

Mark was educated in Zimbabwe at St Johns College and in the UK at Giggleswick School and Leeds University, where he attained a Business Management Degree in 1995. After gaining work experience in London and travelling, Mark returned to Zimbabwe in 1999 to work for Zimbabwe Sun. In 2000 he joined Pioneer Transport as General Manager. He became Managing Director in 2005. In 2010 he went on to pursue his own interests in the mineral trade and logistics Industry. Mark joined Unifreight in 2017 in the Business Development Role.
Staff highlights and key Unifreight qualities

Of the 34 depots, six have engineering workshops run internally which keep the fleet of vehicles running on time.

One-hundred and nineteen heavy-duty vehicle operators, whose average length of service at Unifreight is seventeen (17) years.

Unifreight has a dedicated driving school which trains drivers on all vehicles.

Unifreight prides itself on offering staff training in all departments.

Each year Engineering enrolls apprentices and trains them up and into qualified technicians.
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BP NUMBER  
20060110

CHANGE OF NAME TO UNIFREIGHT AFRICA LIMITED  
1ST DECEMBER 2014

CHANGE OF NAME TO PIONEER CORPORATION AFRICA  
23RD OCTOBER 2003

OPERATORS LICENCE NUMBER  
33330 (Valid until May 2021)