



Ockert Berry

Vice-president Manufacturing Operations, Ford Motor Company of Southern Africa

Ockert Berry was born in 1968 in Pretoria, Gauteng. After matriculating from Hoërskool Oos-Moot, he went on to obtain a Bachelor of Technology Human Resources Management degree from the Tshwane University of Technology.

In 1991, Berry joined Ford Motor Company of Southern Africa (FMCSA) as a Paint Shop supervisor at the Silverton Assembly Plant in Pretoria. In 2000, he completed a Management Development Programme at UNISA, and in 2003 was promoted to Paint Operations Area Manager.

In 2005, Berry transferred to Melbourne as Lean Manufacturing Manager at Ford Motor Company of Australia's Broadmeadows Assembly Plant.

Three years later, he returned to FMCSA to take up the role of Plant Manager at Silverton, where he was responsible for transforming the plant into a globally competitive manufacturing facility.

In 2013, Berry was appointed Vice-president of Operations for Ford Motor Company of Middle East and Africa (MEA) where he headed vehicle and powertrain operations in South Africa and MEA markets, and knock-down operations in MEA. MEA has now been absorbed under the business group, International Markets Group (IMG).

Berry now focuses on vehicle and powertrain operations in South Africa.

Aside from the professional aspect of his life, Berry is a devoted husband and father to his wife, and two daughters. He enjoys hunting, woodwork, painting, and keeping fit at the gym.

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