

South Africa



HSA, Johannesburg, South Africa

Wait, did the time really fly that fast?

In fact, today is my last day of work here in Johannesburg. I am sitting in the office with two colleagues, my eyes lost in thought, wandering outside on the rainy street and remembering my internship abroad at HAVER Southern Africa.

Four weeks ago, my plane landed at the International Airport, where a colleague was waiting for me and brought me to my accommodation in the Melville district. The following four weeks I lived in a small garden house of a friendly host family.

Right on the first evening I met some colleagues and their friends in a pub. Together we spent a nice evening and watched the final match of this year's Soccer World Cup.

The next morning I was cordially received by the colleagues of HAVER Southern Africa and got a small plant tour. They showed me my job and explained my tasks to me:

- Conversion and commissioning of two demonstration nozzles of our ROTO-PACKER®,
- Working out a proposal of a possible rearrangement of the hall
- Planning a simple product feed to our demonstration machines and their integration into the hall
- Accompany the local service technicians to help them
- Helping with the receipt of goods and the receipt- or spare parts-inspection
- and other smaller works.

I quickly got used to my tasks and became friends with my colleagues and became part of the team. Since I lived alone, I was allowed to use the company car for the time in Johannesburg and was able to get to know the fast driving style of the South Africans. The fact that I was able to move freely in the large and beautiful city of Johannesburg gave me many opportunities to spend my free time.

At the top of the small mountain of the Northcliff Ridge eco park I could enjoy a beautiful view of the city, in the "Rhino and Lion Nature Reserve" some hyenas sneaked around my car and during a walk in the "Walter Sisulu Botanical Garden" I got to see an impressive waterfall. I visited the "Montecasino", where I found myself in a small Italian town.

Looking back at my time here, I can only say:

THANK YOU! Thanks to HAVER & BOECKER and HAVER Southern Africa for giving me the opportunity to complete such an incredibly impressive and beautiful internship abroad! Thank you to all colleagues in South Africa for accepting me so warmly and thank you to everyone who has taken care of the organization to give me such an experience!