

Graeme King appointed CEO of THISDAY

THISDAY has announced its first round of management and editorial appointments since its arrival in South Africa.

Graeme King, Managing Director of Independent Newspapers KwaZulu-Natal, becomes Chief Executive Officer of THISDAY with effect from March 1, 2003.

Graeme King, a chartered accountant, has held senior executive positions with the Independent Group for the past 17 years, is a former chairman of the Newspaper Association of South Africa, and South African director of the World Association of Newspapers.

Earlier appointments include John Matisonn as Editorial Director and Justice Malala as Editor.

Management of the store chain will benefit from the appointment of Clive Sills, former Chief Operating Officer for W H Smith (Asia and Australia), in charge of revitalising the recently purchased 74 CNA stores, which will be rebranded as THISDAY Media Stores.

The management team has been strengthened with the appointment of Graeme Wilson, General Counsel for Accenture (Africa region) as Group Legal Counsel.

THISDAY newspaper has appointed Irwin Manoim, founding co-editor of the Weekly Mail, predecessor of the Mail & Guardian, as the newspaper's design and production adviser.

Kevin Davie, a former Editor of Sunday Times' Business Times and the internet pioneer who founded the website WOZA, will be the paper's Business Editor.

Greg Rosenberg, formerly of Business Day, becomes Editorial Pages Editor. Former Cape Times Arts Editor Sandile Dikeni becomes Arts Editor, and Charlotte Bauer, formerly of the Sunday Times, will be Features Editor. Fred Khumalo, the founding Editor of Sunday World, will join the paper as a senior writer and columnist.

Gbenga Oni-Olusola, formerly Managing Editor of THISDAY Nigeria, will be Managing Editor of THISDAY South Africa.

THISDAY editor Justice Malala said he was delighted by the quality of managers and journalists who are joining THISDAY. "They are all leaders in their field and have distinguished themselves on many different fronts.

"We are inundated by calls from many quality journalists who want to be part of the creation of a quality newspaper. There is now no doubt that the SA media landscape will be irrevocably changed by the launch of our newspaper."

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