

## **British Pest Control Association Statement of Board Candidacy**

<b>Name: Charles Murahwa</b>
<b>Member Organisation: Intercleanse Pest Control Limited</b>
<b>My professional background: Academic Background:</b> Bachelor of Science Degree (University of Zimbabwe) Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Parasitology and Entomology (IMR – Kuala Lumpur) Master of Science Degree = Tropical Entomology (University of Zimbabwe)
<b>Pest Control Qualifications:</b> RSPH Level 2 Certificate in Pest Control 2006 BPCA Diploma Part 2 BPCA – Certificated Field Biologist – 2007
<b>Career Background:</b> <b>1990</b> - Graduated from University and joined the Blair Research Laboratory as a Research Assistant – Malaria Entomology. Developed skills in parasitology and entomology to become Research officer. Scholarship to carry out an attachment with Professor Chris Curtis and Tony Wilkes (MRC and LSTMH) working in Tanzania on insecticide treated mosquito nets as an intervention against malaria. Published and presented a paper on insecticide resistance in Anopheles mosquitoes. Seconded to carry out an MSc programme during this time.  <b>1996</b> , I joined American Cyanamid (which was bought by BASF) as a Public Health Officer tasked with carrying out trials on new insecticides for use in public health – Goliath Gel – Fipronil insecticide, Fendona and other insecticides. I was also responsible for preparation of registration dossiers.  <b>1999</b> - Moved to the UK and joined Terminix in 2000 just before acquisition by Ecolab. I joined as a technician and in six months went on to carry out inspections as a Field Biologist. I gained experience carrying out inspections on various food premises in London and the the Southeast.  <b>2007 - Present</b> I was instrumental in setting up Intercleanse Pest control Limited with my fellow business Director Chris Paul. We have developed the business over the years to employ 19 members of staff with a strong customer base in the Southeast and London. In collaboration with other member companies in the North we have developed a strong portfolio with all regions.
<b>Why I am putting myself forward:</b> I bring my experience of service over the years. My knowledge as a Biologist and business owner and how the BPCA can assist similar companies. Having worked in the pest management industry in the UK over the last 24 years I have gained an understanding on how the industry works, the limitations and drawbacks. How we can improve the knowledge on the importance of pest management as a service and the public perception and stigma that the industry is attached with. Attract people of all backgrounds, school leavers and graduates to the industry.
<b>The skills I bring:</b> <b>Pest Management Service skills, Auditing skills, Report writing, Management Skills and Financial Management Skills.</b>  As a pest control biologist, I have vast experience in carrying out inspections in the food manufacturing industry, retail sector, pharmaceutical sector and hospitality sector. Problem solving and maintaining standards to various retail third-party audit requirements such as BRC, M & S Specification, TFMS, Soil Association Standard and other retail standards.

Pest awareness training to customers and making their staff pest aware.

Resolving difficult pest problems and ensuring that all visits are carried out, root cause analysis on sites with problems and maintaining open lines of communication with customers.

**If I am elected, I will endeavour to.....**

As an ethnic minority of black African descent, I have managed to pave my career within the industry and I have been involved with the EDI committee with the task of making the industry as inclusive to all individuals regardless of who they are.

Improve servicing standards of members and ensuring BPCA guidelines are followed by all members.

Improve the pest awareness of young school leavers and attract graduates to the industry.

Boost the membership of the BPCA to encourage other companies and professionals to join the BPCA.

**Signed by candidate:**



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