

A sample of Van Coller quotes in the media

Self-praise by van Coller

2 July 2021	Business Day	<i>"...saving SA capitalism."</i>
1 July 2021	Financial Mail	<i>"We said we were going to clean up this business, so we have to be 100% transparent."</i>
21 May 2021	Business Day	<i>"CEO Stephen van Coller says care is being taken to ensure all its contracts are above board after earlier allegations of malpractice."</i>
18 April 2021	Business Day	<i>"I should probably have walked away but I didn't. I don't know why I didn't, but I think it's because I realised too many jobs would be lost," van Coller said in an interview with Business Times."</i>
15 February 2021	TechCentral	van Coller launches Podcast Series (The Great South African Tech Opportunity)
29 January 2021	BusinessTech	Stephen van Coller talks up EOH turnaround progress (Article title) <i>"Listed technology service provider, EOH says it continues to benefit from the turnaround efforts during the 2020 financial year and expects to post an operating profit for the first six months of the 2021 financial year."</i>
29 January 2021	Biznews	<i>"The EOH of today is far removed from the EOH I joined two years ago."</i>
10 December 2020	Financial Mail	<i>"The evidence given before the Zondo commission over the past week sees us firmly close the door on the old EOH,"</i>

2 December 2020	Business Day	Lessons from the summit: what EOH learnt through the blizzards and storms (Article title) Whole article used as a platform for self-praise by van Coller
27 November 2020	Biznews	<i>"When Stephen found this out through ENSafrica, instead of just cleaning this up within the company and not saying anything, he thought to himself the best thing to do would be to approach the Hawks, the police and work with them to find out if they could have cases opened. The best part of his [van Coller's] testimony was just hearing how committed he was to paying back the money."</i>
23 November 2020	EWN	<i>"EOH has had to instil new culture following years of looting," CEO tells Zondo."</i>
4 August 2020	Business Day	<i>"It is now the norm that there is no accountability for bad actions. My thoughts are simply that saving the EOH family and allowing staff to provide for their families was and is a big responsibility for the new board. These changes came with a lot of tough decisions, showing the integrity of top management."</i>
3 August 2020	Business Day	<i>"CEO says progress still needs to be made before the market can trust that the turnaround strategy is working."</i>
29 July 2020 30 July 2020	Business Day News24	van Coller's open letter: <i>"...new management pointed that out to the JSE in 2019 ...new management and new board are easy targets to fine as they took the tough decisions on restating the accounts and creating the transparency." "... prior to realising the existence of the looting significant failing of capitalism." "Hobson's choice — leave them to die at the hospital door or go hungry for a while to save their life. "... whether the JSE has the stomach to take on the individuals who sat on the board in those years..."</i>

February – May 2020	EOH Media	<u>Online Video Series</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons from a global crisis: van Coller's socialistic take on how he would reduce the cost of money, water, economy, education, telecoms & institute a zero rated or free service to enable & upskill after covid. Identifying and Stemming Corruption Video Series
12 April 2020	Business Day	<i>"It's almost like no-one told you that [someone] had declared war on you and suddenly you wake up one morning and you're having coffee on your balcony and the tanks roll into town and you are still in your pyjamas."</i>
15 January 2020	Daily Maverick	What I learnt from EOH about preventing corruption (article title) - self-written article to the nation
4 November 2019	Business Day	<p><i>"morality has fallen by the wayside"</i></p> <p><i>"outcome of a society in which corruption and unethical values have taken root, democracy has been affected"</i></p> <p><i>[van Coller has shown] "courage and resolve to clean up the business"</i></p> <p><i>"EOH's strategy was opaque to investors and other stakeholders aggressive and confusing acquisition strategy heavily weighted towards products rather than the sale of solutions and services acquisition strategy was largely funded by imprudent levels of debt uncompromising attitude to ethics and a culture of good governance is entrenched from the top that an environment is created in which corruption cannot take root."</i></p>
17 October 2019	Financial Mail	<i>[van Coller doing] "second national service"</i>
17 October 2019	TechCentral	<i>"EOH Holdings CEO Stephen van Coller has taken to calling himself "Johnnie Walker".</i>

		<i>As he explained in an interview with the FM this week, Winston Churchill said at a particularly dark time for Britain in World War 2: "When you are walking through hell, keep walking.""</i>
21 July 2019	Business Day	<i>[van Coler is now seen] "group's white knight" and "vital to its turnaround."</i>
28 March 2019	Business Day	<i>"...cancellation notice in February after an anonymous corruption complaint. EOH hired a forensics team to look into the matter and has since suspended or received resignations from those implicated," new CEO Stephen van Coler said."</i>
21 - 24 February 2019	Same article appeared in numerous publications including Business Day Biznews, Bloomberg and News24	<i>"van Coler was brought in to turn around the troubled business and improve its corporate reputation after allegations of corruption linked to government contracts. "EOH is like a vegetable soup, where it's not clear if it's 10 percent carrots or 90 percent carrots," the CEO said in an interview in Johannesburg."</i>