

MEDIA STATEMENT

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ECSA Inaugurates the Newly Appointed Sixth Term Council

The Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) on Tuesday, 08 December 2020, inaugurated the sixth (6th) term Council. The virtual ceremony was officiated by the ECSA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr Siphso Madonsela on behalf of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) Minister, Ms Patricia de Lille.

The forty-seven (47) member Council comprises of individuals from various sectors including academia, Registered Persons from industry, members of the public and individuals representing the public and private sector.

The new structure elected the President, Mr Mashao Lawrence Lebea and Vice President, Ms Refilwe Buthelezi who together provide a plethora of experience.

The sixth term Council will serve for the next four (4) years effective Friday, 20 November 2020 and will champion the implementation of the 2020-2025 ECSA Strategy founded on the following five programmes:

- **Programme 1:** Education and Training Standards
- **Programme 2:** Registration of Candidates and Competent Engineering Professionals
- **Programme 3:** Assuring Ongoing Professional Competence
- **Programme 4:** Professional Practice
- **Programme 5:** Competent, Efficient and Effective Delivery and Support Structure

Key to this Strategy is the review of the ECSA regulatory instruments to assure a robust regulatory approach, safer infrastructure for the public and closer collaboration with Voluntary Associations.

Moreover, the strategy prioritises the Identification of Engineering Work (IDoEW) where acts specifically relating to the engineering profession are identified with the scope limits regulating the type, duration and extent of training required to perform such acts and limits of authority imposed on those who do not have the minimum qualifications and experience to perform such acts.

Furthermore, of significance will be ECSA's deliberate efforts to drive gender, race and holistic industry transformation, increase the number of registered engineering practitioners, produce quality leadership of the engineering fraternity, and continue to forge allies with engineering councils globally.

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The effective and efficient application of these five programmes by the new Council will reposition ECSA as the voice of the industry, reshape ECSA and enhance its importance locally and internationally thereby cementing its role as the effective regulator.

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