

MEDIA STATEMENT

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ECSA Secures Major Win for Fraternity as Guideline Fees receives Green Light from the Competition Commission

Johannesburg, South Africa – The Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) is proud to announce the official gazettement of the Guideline Scope of Services and Professional Fees, published on 16 May 2025 with an effective date of 2 April 2025.

This development marks a significant milestone for the engineering profession and the regulatory landscape in South Africa.

The approval of the content and process by the Competition Commission of South Africa (CCSA), Dr Bridget Ssamula, Chief Executive Officer of ECSA, states is a result of over two years of advocacy, hard work, and sustained engagement with CCSA after they had formally requested ECSA to cease publication of these guidelines in 2021.

Dr Ssamula further added, “This is a landmark achievement for ECSA and the entire engineering profession, we have worked tirelessly to rebuild trust and alignment with our regulatory partners. The gazettement of the guideline reflects our ability to navigate complex regulatory environments and deliver on our mandate to serve both the public interest and the engineering fraternity.”

As per the Engineering Profession Act (EPA), we now look forward to resuming our mandate of reviewing and issuing the Guideline of Fees on an annual basis, providing much-needed clarity and guidance for the fraternity, concluded Dr Ssamula.

The guideline provides a critical reference for registered engineering practitioners, outlining standard scopes of services and frameworks for calculating professional fees. Importantly, it promotes fair, transparent, and market-based competition—affirming its advisory nature rather than being prescriptive or price-fixing.

It is further designed to:

- Define typical engineering services across various disciplines (Clause 3)
- Provide a flexible fee-calculation model based on project complexity, scope, and service type (Clause 4)
- Encourage transparency and professionalism, without setting mandatory fee levels.

The Engineering Council of South Africa is confident that this milestone will empower professionals and improve service outcomes across the built environment.

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