

MEDIA STATEMENT

04 March 2026

ECSA Initiates an Investigation into the Ormonde Building Collapse

The Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) on Wednesday, 03 March 2026, joined the Minister of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), Mr Dean Macpherson, to visit the site of the recently collapsed building in Ormonde, Johannesburg South, Gauteng.

The visit sought to assess the circumstances surrounding the collapse and the extent of the damage. During this site visit, the delegation received briefings from emergency response teams and authorities involved in the rescue operations, as well as preliminary information regarding the incident and the response efforts underway.

In accordance with its mandate under the Engineering Profession Act, 46 of 2000, ECSA has appointed a structural engineer and has initiated an investigation probing the engineering aspects associated with this incident. As the statutory body responsible for regulating the engineering profession in South Africa and ensuring that Registered Persons adhere to the required professional standards, ECSA will assess all relevant information relating to the engineering oversight associated with the project.

Should the investigation determine that any registered engineering professional(s) failed to comply with the standards of professional conduct prescribed under the Act, the Council will take the necessary regulatory and disciplinary steps in accordance with its legislative mandate.

The Engineering Council of South Africa remains committed to conducting its investigation in a thorough, fair, and transparent manner while adhering to the principles of legality, reasonableness, and procedural fairness. The primary responsibility of ECSA remains the protection of the public and the promotion of engineering excellence in South Africa.

Speaking on behalf of ECSA, Ms Tabisa Mtati, Acting Chief Executive Officer, noted, "ECSA extends its sincere sympathies to the families who lost their loved ones and to individuals who sustained injuries on site. Our thoughts are also with the fellow workers on site, the emergency response teams who worked tirelessly during the rescue operation, and the broader community that has been affected by this devastating event."

-ENDS-

Issued by The Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA)

Enquiries:

Ms Sybil Dlamini

Manager: Marketing and Communication

sybil@ecsa.co.za / 073 623 8275

*Mr TC Madikane

***Dr PC Msomi

Mr P Sekhoto

Mr ML Meder

Mr T Selebogo

Ms PF Sibiya

Ms P Mazibuko

Ms SN Shozi

**Ms M Madi

***Ms KC Maelane

Mr DL Cawdry

Ms S Sulliman

Prof D Lokhat

Mr J George

Mr Havenga

Dr S Kabane

***Mr E Oswald

Dr VT Hashe

Ms ST Sishi

Prof K Ramdass

Ms S Mona

Ms SP Moketla

Mr MV Lupuwana

Ms K Majola

***Prof E Kearsley

Prof PM Mashinini

Dr M Heyns

Mr L Monyatsi

Mr B Maluleka

Ms NS Gumede

Dr ME Makgae

Ms N Koranteng

***Ms VP Nene

Ms SN Chamane

Dr N Gareeb

Ms ML Damane

Mr SJ Xawuka

Mr S Palackal

Mr GS Gcaba

Ms VN Ndlovu

***Mr BJ Mottadiile

Mr IS McKechnie

Mr S Mbadamana

Mr SC Khoza

Ms V Mudau

Mr MP Khathide

Dr PT Govender

Mr. S Pillay

About ECSA:

The Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) is the statutory body established in terms of the Engineering Profession Act, 2000 (Act No. 46 of 2000). It is mandated to regulate the engineering profession in South Africa by setting and maintaining internationally benchmarked standards of education, training, and professional practice.

For more information, visit our website: www.ecsa.co.za