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UPDATE ON THE EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE DRAFT IDENTIFICATION OF ENGINEERING WORK (IDOEW) REGULATIONS AND THE GUIDELINE PROFESSIONAL FEES , CASE # 2014 APRIL 0123

1. PURPOSE

To provide a progress report on the above matter to ECSA structures and stakeholders.

2. INTRODUCTION

It is common cause that in early 2016, the Competition Commission (CC) published, in the Government Gazette, rejection notices in respect of the exemption applications for the Identification of Work (IDOW) and well as the Guideline Professional Fees of the 6 Built Environment Professional Councils (BEPCs); namely: The South African Council for the Architectural Professions Council; The South African Council for the Property Valuers Profession; The South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession; The South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Profession; The Engineering Council of South Africa and The South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Council initially resolved to deal with the two applications separately by drafting grounds of appeal in respect of the IDOEW, and at the same time accepting the decision of the CC while maintaining engagements with them as far as the Guideline Professional Fees are concerned, with the aim of reaching a settlement.

3.2 The Department of Public Works' Roadmap to Convenient Access to Dignified Public Service for 2017/2018, which is part of its Annual Performance Plan, includes the revision of the Engineering Profession Act, 46 of 2000 (the Act), which should be concluded by 2019.

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3.3 The project of the revision of the Act, will not only address the issue of identification of work but will augment the ability of ECSA to give effect to its mandate to the advantage of the profession and the economy.

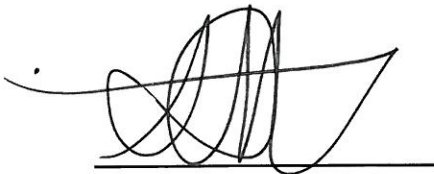
4. CONCLUSION

4.1 The Guideline Professional Fees for 2017 have not been published yet.

4.2 The drafting of the grounds for appealing the decision of the CC in respect of the draft IDOEW Regulations, is still in progress.

4.3 The revision of the Act has been prioritised. A service provider has been appointed and stakeholders will be provided with an opportunity to comment during the public consultation stage.

4.4 Should you have any queries or concerns, please contact the Legal Department; siphiwe@ecsa.co.za and Tania@ecsa.co.za



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