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TO: All ITC-SA Members

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Dear All,

In a number of previous communications, I have alluded to the fact that the ITC-SA was negotiating with South African Technical Auditing Services (SATAS) to do audit inspections on its behalf. I am grateful, that today this organization will start to service the ITC-SA under a Service Level Agreement that provides for them to undertake Fabricator Audit Inspections in the following ITC-SA areas:

- Gauteng (JHB)
- Gauteng (PTA)
- OFS
- Mpumalanga
- Polokwane (Limpopo)
- North West
- KZN

The appointment of SATAS was considered appropriate due to a number of operational reasons, like the departure of Mr. Ferdi van Greuning (Gauteng) and Colin Armstrong (KZN), and which caused the ITC-SA to review its *modis operandi* in meeting its strategic objectives and Member expectations. Also important was the fact that SATAS through Mr. Abe Stears is well known to the ITC-SA, as he has served as a Board Member for a number of years and has therefore been exposed to, and understands the business environment under which the ITC-SA operates.

SATAS is also a SANAS accredited organization that is tasked with the visiting and auditing of Fabricator Plants to confirm compliance with SANS 1900, specifically where ITC-SA members are mark holders.

The ITC-SA brief to SATAS is to ensure that all ITC-SA Fabricator Members in the abovementioned areas receive at least one audit inspection per annum. This audit inspection will be used to educate, capacitate and guide the ITC-SA Fabricator Members in meeting the ITC-SA Technical Engineering Advisory Committee (TEAC) minimum prescribed requirements.

Meeting these nationally benchmarked requirements will cause the ITC-SA to issue the ITC-SA Fabricator Member with a CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE, and which will be recognized by the Built Environment at large, and will in future remove "fly by night" fabricators that are currently causing great reputational damage to the ITC-SA and its Members specifically in the market in which accredited Fabricator Members operate.

In closing, may I please request your full support with this business initiative approved by the ITC-SA Board, and which is intended to service you, our customer even better and more comprehensively. I also invite you to liaise with me directly should you have any questions in regards to the above, or with any proposal on how we can serve your needs even better.

Kind Regards

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