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**TO: All ITC-SA Members**

**National Communiqué No 009**

Dear All,

In the ITC-SA National Communiqué No. 008 (dated 02 July 2012), I confirmed that SATAS under the direction of Mr. Abe Steers was contacted to do Fabricator Audits Inspections on behalf of the ITC-SA in the following areas:

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

In the other ITC-SA Regions (Western Cape and South Eastern Cape), the ITC-SA contracted Regional Representatives will be doing Fabricator Audit Inspections. The ITC-SA brief to all its contract workers remain to ensure that all ITC-SA Fabricator Members receive at least one audit inspection per annum. This Audit Inspection must be used to educate, capacitate and guide the ITC-SA Fabricator Members in meeting the ITC-SA Timber Engineering Advisory Committee (TEAC) minimum prescribed requirements. The outcome of the Fabricator Audit Inspection is a Certificate of Competence awarded to the Member and which confirms that the ITC-SA is satisfied that the Fabricator met and even exceeded the Audit Inspection requirements.

However, I believe that in some instances in the past, audit inspections were used as a punitive measure to threaten and force ITC-SA Fabricator Members to comply with ITC-SA requirements and sometimes even to go beyond what is expected. This is not an acceptable practice, and will be addressed immediately, where same is brought to the knowledge of the ITC-SA. I therefore confirm the following:

1. Mostly, the current Fabricator Audit Inspection is to assist all Fabricator Members to meet Industry requirements and to grow their competence and performance.
2. Therefore, current Fabricator Audit Inspections are done with the view of equipping Fabricator Members to meet all related industry norms and standards and to establish a basis of credibility that will eliminate non compliant competition.
3. This national benchmark will in future be used to manage existing and new entrants into the market and to create an environment where the built environment will recognize ITC-SA accreditation, and demand the services if an ITC-SA accredited member.
4. The established benchmarking will ensure a national uniform approach to product quality and quality of service irrespective of size and locality of the Fabricator Member.
5. The current Fabricator Audit Inspections will not change the current and existing ITC-SA Fabricator classification.

I hope that this communiqué has brought some clarity to the situation, but again extend an invitation to all ITC-SA Members to liaise with me should further clarity be required.

Kind Regards

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