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SANS 1900 CERTIFICATION

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the different roles and mandates of SATAS and the ITC-SA in the construction environment.

“South African Technical Auditing Services Pty Ltd” (SATAS) is an ISO 17065 SANAS accredited Product Certification Body for different products manufactured to the relevant SANS standards. Certificate of Accreditation No C25 issued by SANAS dated August 25, 2015 refers. The certification of timber roof truss products, to the requirements of SANS 1900, is included in the SATAS scope of accreditation.

The Institute for Timber Construction (ITC-SA) is the “South African Qualifications Authority” (SAQA) approved professional body in South Africa for engineered structural timber construction, ITC-SA and its professional members are striving to create and maintain the standards in the construction sector. The ITC-SA is a recognized voluntary association in terms of the Engineering Profession Act. (Act 46 of 2000), and an invited participant on forums like Standards South Africa, the NRCS, the NHBRC and where members interest are promoted.

ITC-SA is the only Professional Body that covers compliance to industry standards in terms of SANS 10243; SANS 2001-CT2:2011 etc. No other organization can claim to become an alternative or to represent the timber construction industry as per the mandate of ITC-SA. ITC-SA Communiqué No 059 fully explains the functions and benefits of ITC-SA membership.

There is a perception that the SATAS certification can replace the work being done by ITC-SA. This is not the case as SATAS cannot represent the roof truss manufacturers at any authority or Government body. SATAS certification deals only with the compliance of the roof truss products within the requirements of SANS 1900. SATAS does not approve of the design or system used, will not monitor the implementation of the materials and designs on site and the failures that arise from an unregulated environment.

SATAS may grant certification to manufacturers in compliance. Certified Manufacturers are subjected to 6x unannounced product inspections per year as well as 1x announced Audit on their Quality Management System. At the moment SATAS has 4 SANS 1900 certifications. SATAS audits for compliance by the certificate holders in accordance with strict requirements as set out in ISO 17065, SANS 1900, SATAS requirements as well as the Manufacturers own Quality Management System.

Any Manufacturer is welcome to apply to SATAS for product certification which will be granted once compliance is confirmed. Not all applications will necessarily be successful. Quotations for certification are calculated by using a set cost model which may differ for different applicants. For budget purposes, interested Manufacturers wanting SATAS certification may use an amount of R5 000.00 for the initial assessment and R3 000.00 per month after certification has been granted.

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SANS 1900 SERTIFISERING

Die doel van hierdie skrywe is om die verskillende rolle en mandaat van SATAS en die ITC-SA in die konstruksie industrie duidelik te maak.

“South African Technical Auditing Services Pty Ltd” (SATAS) is 'n ISO17065 SANAS ge-akkrediteerde produk sertifiserings maatskappy vir veskeie produkte vervaardig volgens en wat voldoen aan die relevante nasionale standaarde. Sertifikaat van akkreditasie No C25 gedateer Augustus 25, 2015 verwys. Die sertifisering van dakkappe volgens die vereistes van SANS 1900 is ingesluit in die bestek van SATAS akkreditasie

Die “Institute for Timber Construction”(ITC-SA) is die “SA kwalifiserings outoriteit” (“SAQA”) erkende professionele liggaam in SA vir ontwerpte strukturele hout konstruksie. ITC-SA en die professionele lede beywer hul om die standaarde in die konstruksie bedryf te vestig en te onderhou. Die ITC-SA is a erkende vrywillige organisasie in terme van die Wet op Professionele Ingenieurswese (wet 46 van 2000) en 'n deelnemer op forums soos Standaarde SA, die NRCS, die NHBRC en oral waar lede se belange bevorder kan word.

ITC-SA is die enigste Professionele liggaam wat voldoening aan industrie standaarde soos SANS 10243; SANS 2001-CT2ens behartig. Geen ander organisasie kan die ITC vervang, optree as alternatief of om die hout konstruksie bedryf te verteenwoordig volgens die mandaat van die ITC-SA. ITC-SA Communiqué No 059 verduidelik die funksies en voordele van ITC –SA lidmaatskap.

Daar is 'n persepsie dat SATAS sertifisering die ITC-SA lidmaatskap kan vervang. Dit is nie die geval nie aangesien SATAS nie die bedryf by enige outoriteit of staatsinstelling kan verteenwoordig nie. SATAS sertifisering het te make met die voldoening van dakkappe volgens die vereistes van SANS 1900. Ons keur nie ontwerpe of sisteme goed nie. SATAS monitor ook nie die gebruik van materiaal en ontwerpe op boupersele of die falings wat mag voorkom in n ongekontroleerde omgewing nie

SATAS mag sertifisering toestaan aan vervaardigers wat aan SANS 1900 voldoen. Gesertifiseerde vervaardigers word jaarliks onderwerp aan 6x onaangekondigde produk inspeksies asook 1x aangekondigde kwaliteitstelse oudit. Op die oomblik het SATAS 4 vervaardigers volgens SANS 1900 gesertifiseer. SATAS oudit die vervaardigers vir voldoening aan streng vereistes volgens ISO 17065, SANS 1900, SATAS vereistes asook volgens die vervaardiger se eie Kwaliteit Bestuur Stelsel.

Enige vervaardiger is welkom om vir produk sertifisering aansoek te doen wat toegeken sal word indien so vervaardiger aan die vereistes voldoen. Nie alle aansoeke sal noodwendig suksesvol wees nie. Kwotasies vir sertifisering word volgens n koste model bereken wat nie noodwendig vir alle aansoeke dieselfde sal wees nie. Voornemende aansoekers kan vir begrotings doeleindes n bedrag van R5 000.00 vir die aanvanklike “assessment” en R3 000.00 per maand nadat sertifisering toegestaan is, gebruik.

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