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To: ALL FABRICATORS & FABRICATOR DESIGNERS

NATIONAL COMMUNIQUE No. 067
FABRICATOR MEMBERSHIP

Dear Fabricator / Designer Member,

At its latest meeting on 16th March 2017 the ITC-SA Board resolved to put an administratively required deadline of 14th April to Fabricator members to make a responsible decision regarding their continued membership of ITC-SA.

The objective of this communiqué is to clearly spell out the implications of no longer contributing towards the ITC-SA's costs of establishing and supportively enforcing standards in the Timber Construction Industry ("TCI") and supporting the promotion of the importance of pre-fabricated nail plated timber roof structures. As a Fabricator, you have thus far contributed to and benefitted from the ITC-SA's efforts over at least the past decade towards:

- a. Effectively executing its role as the SAQA-accredited Professional Body of the Timber Construction industry ("TCI");
Acting as representative of the TCI in signing Memoranda of Understanding with ECSA, SA Valuers, NHBRC and SALGA;
- b. Establishing technical standards through TEAC and participating in the SABS Technical Committees that formalize the SANS Codes of Practice SANS10160, 10163, 10243, 1783 Part 1 & 2, 51075, 3575 and 10096 as well as the National Building Regulations ("NBR") SANS10400 Part L, (which ensure that the same rules apply to every participant in the industry);
- c. Implementing a nationally uniform Audit-Inspection procedure and quantification score-sheet to ensure a level of competence by applying the same standards at the same cost to every member country-wide (This implies that the your competitor down the road must abide by the same rules as you have to);
- d. Continued monitoring of on-site inspections through A19 inspectorate;
- e. Rigorously applying the Code of Ethics to ensure compliance with all SANS Codes of Practice and Ethical business practice;
- f. Vigorously promoting the strict enforcement of the National Building Regulations at all Local Authorities *via* SALGA;
- g. Facilitating presentations by The National Regulator of Compulsory Specifications "NRCS" to Local Authority Building Inspectors, NHBRC Inspectors, Architects, Engineers and Quantity Surveyors;
- h. Registration of Workshops for CPD points with ECSA and SACAP;
- i. Presenting workshops to Local Authority Building Inspectors, NHBRC Inspectors and SA Valuers;
- j. Appointing ITC-SA representatives to serve members' needs throughout the country.

Continuation of your membership will ensure and undoubtedly contribute towards the effective regulation of the TCI. Additionally, the importance of the Certificate of Competence as proof of accreditation by the professional body of the TCI is being actively promoted among all local authorities and representative bodies of all professionals in the built industry (see for eg. the attached circular to SALGA).

Discontinuation of your membership will result in:

- Revoking your current COC and communicating this fact to all relevant entities in the built industry;
- Removal of all ITC-SA COC membership numbers and ITC-SA Registered Trademarks and logos from System-generated documentation such as quotations, business letterheads, branded clothing and billboards;
- Removal of your business's name from the ITC-SA website;
- Cancellation of your SAQA Professional Designation;

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- No longer having access to the internal monitoring and progression program of the Estimator/Designer Basic and Intermediate Courses;
- No longer being able attend informative Regional meetings ensuring that you are up to date with changes in NBR etc.;
- No participation in the Annual Awards;
- No access to the ITC-SA A19 Inspectorate;
- Cancellation of the Recognition of prior Learning (RPL) concession to all current Fabricators and Fabricator-Designers that have applied for accreditation (up to 30th June 2017).

Please ensure that you fully understand the implications of the RPL concessions: Any Fabricator or Fabricator-Designer wishing to become an accredited member in future will have to comply with all the strict requirements of the SAQA Designations for each membership class (which are available on the website). Re-application for membership from a member that resigned will also invoke a Board-approved application fee.

The ITC-SA cannot represent the Industry at Government and Statutory organizations without the full support of the entire membership, which gives the ITC-SA "teeth". As an individual entity, you will not be able to achieve any successful negotiations with any such organizations, whereas ITC-SA as an Industry Body with full representation can achieve so much more. A Voluntary association is a STRONGER association, consisting of members who WANT to belong. Our ultimate goal and responsibility as an Industry is to protect both our members and the consumer.

Take pride in the product that you supply in the industry and see it through from manufacturing to certification.

We trust that you will take the ethical and responsible decision to continue being part of the ITC-SA family, dedicated to continuously raising standards in our industry.

Yours faithfully

ITC-SA BOARD OF DIRECTORS