

"Tackle a Block at a Time".

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No 1. New President for ECSA?

As reported in our September E News the Engineering Council of South Africa removed its president, Mr. Sipho Madonsela, from office due to a number of incidents that led to a loss of confidence in him. Mr. Madonsela remains an ECSA councillor but the council would have to appoint a new president.

Some time back the current Vice President, Mr. Bob Pullen indicated that he wished to vacate his position as Vice President once continuity had been established. It is rumoured that he will be asked to step down soon.

The scene thus appears to be set for an interesting ECSA council meeting towards the end of November where it is expected that a new president and vice president will be announced.

Any of the 50 ECSA councillors may be elected as president (and vice president).

The usual preference for designated races and gender will probably apply.

This would narrow the field somewhat and a short list can probably be expected to at least include:

Messrs.

Truman T. Goba (Pr Eng)

V. P. Padayachee (Pr Tech Eng, Pr Cert Eng)

S.A.S. Amod (Pr Eng)

H. Bengu (Pr Eng).

On the ladies side the short list may probably include:

Prof. B M Lacquet (Pr Eng)

Mrs. A. L. Povey (Pr Eng)

Ms. M. Cilliers (Pr Eng)

Mrs H. S. Pieterse (Pr Eng).

It remains to be seen what the previous president and his supporters will bring to the meeting and what the Council decides if it can reach consensus.

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No. 2.

Annual General Meeting.

The IPET Annual General Meeting was held on the 7th November 2007.

At the meeting the new President and Vice Presidents for 2007 / 2008 were inducted.

President Mr. Des Langa, Pr Tech Eng

Senior Vice President, Mr. Kwezi Chabikuli, Pr Tech Eng

Junior Vice President, Mr. Jan H. Lessing, Pr Tech Eng

The audited financial report was presented and approved.

We hope to have some pictures and more details in a forthcoming Newsletter.

The retiring President Mr. W Lotter, Pr Tech Eng, presented his annual report.

This is reproduced in the block below.

No. 3.

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT: 2006 – 2007

This time eight months have lapsed since the last AGM on 26 February 2007. The reason for the “short” year is that the previous AGM was held approximately 6 months later than planned. The period from February till end of October this year was reasonably quiet regarding the activities of IPET and especially the IPET Council. No major courses, seminars or other high profile activities were indulged in. I once again want to express my sincere thanks and gratitude towards all the outgoing council members, in particular Viv Nel our executive officer who is handling all the administration and very often with the assistance of his wife Pat. Also a word of thanks to Johan de Koker for his role of treasurer and numerous other active representations of IPET as a whole.

1 Good Bye

Towards the end of July, beginning of August this year, IPET and in particular the Council lost a very competent and enthusiastic member, John Doran, who after a lot of soul searching and agonising decisions decided to emigrate to Australia. As council we wish him and his family a healthy and prosperous future in their newly selected country.

2 Administration

IPET Council has continued to meet every second month and since 26 February 2007, five council meetings were held – counting the special meeting of this afternoon as well.

Some of the meetings were not well attended, however the minimum number of members required for a quorum were always present.

3 Membership

After Viv Nel’s effort during 2006 in updating the IPET member database he has continued with his endeavours to keep the database as up-to-date as possible. Letters were again sent out to all known IPET members informing them of their membership fee status. Membership status as at the date of the council meeting of 10th September 2007 was as follows:

Summary of Membership Figures:

Members on the database	969
Members in good standing	741
Members unpaid	228

The decline of members on the database is a result of resignations, emigrations, deaths and untraced members that haven’t paid for a considerable number of years whose membership has been terminated.

It will be joyous day when we can report that all members of IPET are in good standing – one of the goals we are aiming at.

4 Financial

As is evident from the financial reports to follow, it can be seen that the institute is financially sound. The Institute's bank balance has again grown during the past financial year.

Following my somewhat negative remarks in my previous report regarding the poor service we received from the auditors during the 2005 – 2006 financial year, we actually received a good service from them this year. I want to ask Johan and Viv to extend a word of thanks to them.

With the finances being in such a healthy state, I think that IPET, as represented by the council, should start focussing more on the promotion of students in the form of bursaries and / or study grants. In my opinion such actions will not only give the Institute good publicity, but will also fulfil a dire need.

5 IPET Awards

The IPET awards are still going from strength to strength, thanks to the sponsorship of Chevron South Africa (formerly known as Caltex SA).

The next awards function will take place tomorrow night at the hotel school of University of Johannesburg in Auckland Park, Johannesburg where the 2006 laureates will be honoured

During the period since the last AGM, IPET was invited to do presentations at prize giving functions at some of the local universities of technology –at VUT (unfortunately the notice period was too short and IPET could not find an appropriate representative for the occasion) and at TUT (IPET represented by the president).

During the past eight months no President's award was made.

6 Strategic Workshop

Due to full schedules and work pressures, the planned follow-up of the strategic workshop unfortunately did not get off the ground in 2007. It has been placed on the back-burner for the time being.

7 Publicity & International Liaison

No new international agreements had been entered into.

8 IPET Patrons Trust

The trust account is still dormant due to the Financial Intelligence Centre Act (FICA) requirements not yet been fulfilled. The trust account has been audited and the auditors have been paid by IPET as agreed.

Due to the time consuming effort required to administrate the Trust Fund, it was resolved at the 9th July 2007 Council meeting that the trust be reactivated as soon as practical. The funds should then be utilised as per the Trustees' decision and any surplus funds then transferred back to IPET. The Trust is then to be terminated. The surplus funds are then to be kept in IPET's books as a separate ledger account and then used as decided by the IPET Council.

9 Registration Seminar

No registration seminar had been held during the past eight months. The next seminar is planned for 2008.

10 Professional Involvement

Although IPET received a few requests for validation of courses for CPD, people seem to be hesitant when it comes to presentation of the course content. Only a few short courses for SpoorNet have been registered at ECSA by Johan de Koker under the label of IPET.

IPET has also recently been approached by the Department of Trade and Industry to have round table discussions regarding the skills shortage in the country. This is an event, which must still be scheduled. It is envisaged that Council will appoint a delegation and set a date for such discussions – a nice challenge for the new president

11 The Future

The role of IPET as the protector and promoter of the rights and interests of the professional technologist is as relevant and important today as it was in the past. With the "Reservation of Work" bill being imminent, it is important that we ensure that the professional technologists with their qualifications are not down-graded from the levels at which we function currently. With the current shortage of skills in the country such a scenario can be ill afforded.

The IPET council is planning a conference in June 2008. It will probably be an education conference. A panel of peer reviewers is being assembled by the organizers at present. Tshwane University of Technology has agreed to assist with this venture and will host the event.

12 The New IPET Council

As outgoing president of the IPET Council, I want to use this opportunity to thank everybody that helped and assisted with the activities that we had to participate in. I want to use this opportunity to welcome the new president as well as the newly elected council members. Most of you have served a term or three on council, however, for the newcomers – a special word of welcome.

Willie Lötter Pr Tech Eng
IPET Immediate Past President

No. 4. Membership Notes.

If you have paid your 2007 annual fees then your membership is valid until 31/03/2008.

The Institutes financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March each year. Invoices / Statements are normally sent out under separate cover. Kindly note that continued membership is dependent on the receipt of the annual membership fees each year. Your original **Membership Certificate**, which was posted to you after joining IPET, is still valid.

We do not issue new Certificates each year and neither does the Engineering Council of SA (ECSA)!!
Current membership validity may be checked by visiting our Web site <http://www.IPET.co.za>.

IPET news is E-mailed to all members who supply valid E Mail addresses. The news is also to be found on the IPET Web Site. If you did not get the last IPET E News sent out a month or so back then your supplied E-mail address may be a problem.

Some ISP's block our E News as they suspect that it is Spam. If you have any E mail News problems take it up with your computer expert and your Internet supplier. The worst "bounce backs" occur with Eskom, Spornet, Transnet, and E mails that end in com.

Our database shows that over 90% of all our members have valid E Mail addresses. If you do not have E-mail then you will miss out on news as we only publish a hard copy of news a few times a year. For a number of years we have warned members that due to postage costs and the unreliable nature of the postal system we would be going the way of E News and Internet news on our Web site.

For those few who do not have E Mail we humbly suggest that you consider getting E Mail or at least visiting an Internet Café occasionally so you can view our Web site. It is cheap and easy and you will find a whole new world of information out there!

We trust that the above information assists you!

The rich are different from you and me because they have more credit. (American critic John Leonard).

Number 5.

Volunteers to assist ECSA Technologists Registration Committee.

The ECSA Technologists Registration Committee is looking for volunteers to assist in the assessment of applications for registration in the following fields:

Civil

Mechanical

Instrumentation.

The workload varies but there are monthly registration committee meetings at which all applicants and assessments are tabled, discussed and finalised. The decisions taken are on the basis of consensus so no one assessor makes the final decision. Persons with the knowledge and experience in the above fields are required to assist the committee.

The volunteers must be registered with ECSA as Professional Engineering Technologists.

Kindly note that these are voluntary positions so no remuneration is received, however persons who are not receiving a salary or payment for the day of the meeting, such as self employed persons etc, may claim a nominal amount as well as travelling expenses. Details will be supplied to interested persons.

Please advise us by post, fax or E-Mail if you can possibly help or know of persons who can assist in this matter.

Our thanks to the very few who have answered this call!

No. 6.

Request to assist in Doctorate study.

We received the following request.

Background.

Dear Sir,

I am a postgraduate student doing final year research for a doctorate in marketing management at the University of Johannesburg. The objective of the study is to formulate certain guidelines, which will benefit both marketers and engineering practitioners from a formalised buyer - seller relationship.

While SAQA, formerly the HSRC, agreed to disseminate the questionnaire to registered engineering practitioners on their database, they notified me at the last moment that this was no longer possible. ECSA was approached but they do not disseminate questionnaires. ECSA however provided me with a list of contact details of their affiliates.

I am appealing to you for assistance in this regard.

Rolf Kersandt.

After some E mails back and forth we offered to place his website address in our newsletter as the results may assist engineering practitioners in the long run as well as educating marketing people.

Please take part in this survey.

Editor.

PURCHASING DECISION SURVEY

Reason for questionnaire:

Marketers of industrial consumable products need to be informed about the factors which engineering practitioners consider important when making complex product purchasing decisions. Being able to provide some guidelines in this regard can make the difference between a proposal being accepted or rejected by the customer.

Requirement:

Your members (engineers, technologists and technicians) would be required to put an "X" into the appropriate block that they believe best applies to the statement in the questionnaire. There are no correct or incorrect answers as the questionnaire asks for opinions only.

The validity of the survey depends on the number of questionnaires received. A minimum of 350 replies would be required. I would therefore be extremely grateful to you and your association if this result can be achieved. All the instructions to answer the questionnaire are provided in the introduction page to the survey on the website.

Request to persons to visit the website:

As engineering practitioners, you may be called upon by your organisation to make certain decisions regarding new maintenance, repair, or operations product (MRO) purchases. Such decisions may for example apply to upgrading of lubricants, carbon, graphite and ceramic components, specialised chemicals, high-speed fuses, etc. for the optimisation of plant efficiencies.

A survey is currently being conducted to establish the importance of certain factors when making such purchasing decisions.

You are cordially invited to assist with this project by answering the questionnaire at www.mroresearch.com to enable us to establish certain guidelines from which both marketers and users of these products stand to benefit. In order to achieve good results your participation in this project is very important.

Many thanks. Rolf Kersandt. Cell 083 309 0917 Office 011 476 7526 Fax 011 476 7534

Nobody ever made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do a little. (Edmund Burke).

No. 7

Play a part in shaping the employer of the future! (and stand a chance to win a prize)!

Magnet Communications recently announced that the 2006 **Magnet Young Professional Survey** results have recently been released in the media. While thanking us for participating in the last survey they reported that, unfortunately, so few of our organisation's members responded to the survey that the organizers were unable to produce an association specific report for us.

We therefore extend an invitation for all our members to participate in the 2007 survey. It is beneficial for our members to be able to compare what they think, against the overall number of respondents from other participating professional associations. Hence we encourage you to partake in this survey.

Which career goals do you hope to attain within the next three years? Which industries would you ideally like to work in? Taking into account your interests and abilities, which organisations would provide the best match for you?

Employers are interested in how you answer these questions. By finding out what really matters to young professionals when choosing a future career and an employer, they hope to meet these expectations and thereby attract the right candidates.

Independent research company Magnet Communications seeks to improve the communication between SA's future talent (you!) and the world of work. To support them in this aim we, together with several other leading Professional and/or Alumni Associations have partnered with them in a short online survey.

We really encourage you to participate and value your feedback. Our hope is that this process will not only encourage you to think proactively about your future, but also help make organisations become more attractive employers. The survey is user-friendly and should not take more than 20 minutes of your time to complete. Your individual response will be kept anonymous and confidential.

Don't miss the chance to voice your opinions and win one of 5 Apple ipod nanos whilst doing so!

To begin, please click the survey URL below.

<http://universumsurvey.com/sayp/ipet>

If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to send an email to natasa@magnetcomm.co.za.

Last year's survey had 3936 respondents of average age of 30. 41% were black, 38% white and 10% Asian. Engineering only formed some 24% of respondents. Expected annual compensation was some R155 200 for a Graduate, while young professionals claimed an actual figure of R228500!! It appears that Commerce pays better than engineering! The more engineering respondents this year the better the final picture will be!

We hope to give you, our members, some more informative snapshots of the results of last year's survey in a future Newsletter and / or on our Web site.

Come on you guys, give it a go! Good luck with the prizes!

Mr Viv Nel, Pr Tech Eng, Pr Techni Eng
Admin IPET

You are never a loser until you stop trying! (Mike Ditka).

No. 8.

Faulty E-Mail Addresses.

Please check the latest faulty E-Mail Address List on our Web site to see if your E-Mail is one of those or if you know someone who is listed. These on the list do not work properly!

IPET Web site is www.ipet.co.za See latest Newsletter etc.

If you find your E Mail address or one that looks like it could be yours that is on the list, please provide us with an E Mail address, which will work, as well as your name, initials and membership number. You should E-Mail this information to

engineer@netactive.co.za. And mark it IPET Mail updates please.

You may also Fax this information providing you use large black font and not tiny indecipherable print!
Fax to 011 787 9706.
Thanks for your assistance.

Number 9.

Complaints Procedure.

As there seems to be a slight increase in the number of complaints about engineering practitioners the following procedure is re-published. Perhaps you should print it out and file it in case you ever need it in the future. Kindly note that complaints that are not in writing and that do not follow the procedure and do not give the required evidence will not be actioned.

Requirements; Formal Complaint against a Practitioner. Jan 2007.

Only written complaints will be considered. The complainant (Plaintiff) needs to supply at least the following information.

1. Plaintiff's details;

- Full first names and surname.
- Identity Number.
- IPET membership number.
- Engineering Council of SA registration number (if applicable).
- Postal address.
- Telephone, Fax and Cell phone numbers and E-mail address.

2. Defendant's details;

- Full first names and surname.
- Identity number.
- IPET membership number.
- Engineering Council of SA registration number (if applicable). (This is essential if complaint is against a registered person).
- Postal address.
- Physical Street address.
- Telephone, Fax and Cell phone numbers and E-mail address.

3. Nature of complaint.

- The nature of the complaint or charge must be specified. (E.g. Poor design, structural failure, poor maintenance, fraud, breach of ethics etc).
- Sufficient detail for an outsider to understand must be provided.
- Details supplied must not be overly lengthy or complex.
- A reason for lodging the complaint must be given (Safety issue, fraud etc).

4. Mandate.

- A copy of the mandate given to the respondent by the owner and / or the originator of the specific job must be provided. This is essential the complainant is a third party.

5. Supporting Evidence.

Photographs and reports should be provided. Any other additional information that assists the case should be provided. (Unproven hearsay and complainant's opinions are not accepted). Affidavits from relevant persons in any of the above should be obtained wherever possible. Documentation must be numbered and an Index provided so as to assist the committee to find the relevant information quickly and easily.

6. Action required.

The Plaintiff must state in writing what action he would suggest be taken (disciplinary action, membership suspension, criminal, civil, lodging complaint with Engineering Council of SA, Department of Labour etc).

ComplaintsProcedure2007.doc

*** BLAMESTORMING.**

Sitting round in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a Project failed, and who was responsible.

No 10.

Snippets of Other News

Spanking Law Dropped!

The controversial clause in the Children's Amendment Bill, which allowed for parents to be fined R300 for spanking their children, has been removed. The parliamentary portfolio committee on social development agreed to remove Section 139 from the Bill after the ANC caucus moved to block the Bill being approved recently.

Statistics South Africa Community Survey 2007.

Some of the recently released results show;

Population 48.5 Million (44.8 M in 2001)
12% blacks over 20 have no schooling (half of 1996 figure)

0.6% whites over 20 have no schooling

5.6% of black students go on to higher education

31% of whites go onto higher education.

Those entering tertiary education 9.15% (8.4% before)

Survey sample was 246618 persons country-wide

It showed improvements in the numbers of formal households, refuse removal, water supplies, and use of electricity for lighting up to 80% (57.6% in 1996).

Inflation.

Latest figures up from before!

6.7% (highest in 4 years) and CPIX 7.2% with Food inflation at 11.9%

No International Cell Phone Roaming in SA.

Changes to the already controversial law, put through the National Assembly as a crime fighting measure, may hinder global trade and wreck the tourism industry according to local cell phone operators.

If enacted it would result in a blanket switch off of international roaming facilities to all foreign visitors.

Cell C, MTN and Vodacom indicate it would also leave them in breach of contract with hundreds of interconnect agreements that allow South Africans to roam abroad and visitors to South Africa to use their phones here.

South Africa may end up being the only country in the World where roaming is not possible.

BEE Ratings for Companies.

The rating agency accreditation process is moving very slowly. SANAS the accreditation body have not accredited any agency yet.

They also believe that the process to start this may still take quite some time.

So the message is: Don't be conned into spending money on suspect agencies that want to rate your BEEE status.

Rather look at the known criteria and do your homework so you can have all the information available when called for.

SETA Results.

A report released at the recent national skills development conference shows that only 19% of learners complete their learnerships (2005 to 2007).

Placements of learners who complete their learnerships are also low.

SETA's receive some R5 billion Rand from a tax levy imposed on all companies to address the skills shortage in the country. They have been plagued by numerous allegations of corruption and fraud since being formed in 2000.

SAQA Annual Report.

The report for the year ending 31 March 2007 shows that it has received its tenth unqualified audit report from the Auditor General.

It has initiated a review and revision of trade qualifications in the manufacturing and engineering sector and has also contributed to the development and registration of the three National Certificate: Vocational qualifications at NQF Levels 2,3 and 4 for FET colleges. This was done as part of the revitalisation of the FET colleges (Previously known as Technical Colleges).

Global Warming Warning.

A recent study is gloomier than the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The panel shared this year's Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore (USA). The latest study by climate experts at the University of East Anglia (British Antarctic Survey) shows global carbon dioxide emissions are up from 0.7% in the 1990's to a rise of 2.9% per year since 2000.

The total effect is a growth in CO2 of about 35% more than the scientists expected. They warn of dire climate changes if emissions are not reversed in the next 8 years.

*Progress would be wonderful - if only it would stop.
(Austrian novelist Robert Musil).*

No 11.
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Thanks

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No 12. ETHICS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The NSTF (National Science and Technology Forum), of which the Chamber is a longstanding member, hosted a workshop at the Casa Toscana lodge in Pretoria on 1 November 2007. The purpose of the workshop, which was one of three Strategic Objectives set by the NSTF for this year, is to

monitor and promote the health of the SETI (Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation) system. This raises the question of Ethics in science, engineering and technology. The matter has been previously raised but now new perspectives have been raised, requiring further discussions.

The matter of ethics is of long standing in the academic community, but needs a lot more thought in the engineering community, and most of the discussions were consequently aimed on the academic/university side, that was well represented. Unfortunately, the engineering side was not well represented.

Most of the discussions were led by Dr D Wassenaar, who is the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee of the HSRC. He is well versed in ethics matters worldwide. The discussions were therefore lively, but as said before, aimed mostly at academics.

The matter of ethics is wide and on the engineering side needs much more attention as matters such as design, development of procedures, innovative methods and systems for the improvement of mankind, are in the realm of the engineering community.

Ethics can be of several types, of which the publishing of research results is one. There were discussions on the Intellectual Property Rights of researchers at various levels working on say the same project - who is the major owner?

In engineering, this raises the question of who takes the kudos (acclaim) for the task!

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE CORRECT PERSONS RECEIVE THE JUST AWARDS!

Malcolm Gow. Representative at the NSTF/ SETAG.

Number 13.
Unsubscribe Option.

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Number 14.

The Joke Column Warning / Disclaimer. *Sensitive readers are warned that the following may erroneously be taken to contain sex, violence, strong language, gender, race, ethics etc. Readers are warned not to read or have any of the following read to them. Recommended readers age is limited to 120 and 121 years of age.*

The Oldest Profession.

A doctor, a civil engineer and a computer engineer were arguing about what was the oldest profession. The doctor remarked, "Well, in the Bible it says God created Eve from a rib taken from Adam. This clearly required surgery, so I can rightly claim that my profession is the oldest in the world."

The civil engineer said, "But even earlier in Genesis, it states that God created the order of the heavens and earth out of the chaos. This was the first and certainly the most spectacular application of civil engineering. Therefore doc you are wrong - mine is the oldest profession."

The computer guy leaned back, smiled confidently and said, "Ah, but who do you think created the chaos?"

England rugby team investigated by Police.

England rugby practice was delayed for two hours this afternoon after a player reported finding a white powdery substance on the practice ground. Head coach Ashton immediately suspended practice while the police were called to investigate. After a complete forensic search Scotland Yard determined that the white stuff, which was unknown to the players, was in fact the try line.

Practice was continued, as police were happy the players were unlikely to encounter the substance again.

The True Origin of the Internet.

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot.

And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she had been called "Amazon Dot Com."

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel far From town to town with thy goods when thou can trade without ever Leaving thy tent?"

And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?" And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale and they will reply telling you, which hath the best price. And the sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever moving from his tent.

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and was accused of insider trading.

And the young man did take to Dot Com's trading, as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Siderites, or NERDS for short.

And lo, the land was feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums so that no one noticed that the real riches were going to the drum maker, one Brother William of Gates, who bought every drum company in the land. And indeed did insist on making drums that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks.

And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken

over by others."

And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or as it came to be known "eBay" he said, " We need a name that reflects what we are."

And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators."

"YAHOO, " said Abraham.

And that is how it all began. It wasn't Al Gore after all!

(One must Google at these achievements)!

Number 15.

O. & O. E.

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No. 16.

That's all folks!

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If you have not filled in one of these forms below in the last 6 months or so, then kindly print and complete the update form and fax or post back to us.

If you have then THANKS!

If you have never filled in one of these forms then do so now please!

If you have changed any of your contact details of late then also please print and complete the form and Fax to us.

If in doubt also print it and complete and fax to us!

LAST BUT NOT LEAST.

PRINT THE FORM AND KEEP A COPY HANDY FOR FUTURE USE!!!

THANKS.

That's all Folks!

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To All Members

We are experiencing large volumes of returned mail, including membership certificates.

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Return the completed form to us by Mail or Fax. **E-mails attachments are NOT accepted.**

Provide us with your E-mail address so we can send our regular E News Letter to you.

This may be useful in you giving advance warning of important matters that affect the profession and us.

All information will be treated as confidential and will not be shared with any other party

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Your or your Company's main field of engineering			
Work Tel (include area codes for all numbers)		Work Fax	
Home Tel		Home Fax	
Cell No		E Mail	
Membership Number			
Engineering Council of SA Registration Number (If applicable)			
I D Number			
Race (For statistical purposes only)	Asian (Indian etc) = A White = W	Black = B	Coloured = C

