

## Media advisory

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#### ECSA Voluntary Association recognition for ITC-SA

**[Johannesburg, 12 February 2019]:** *The Institute for Timber Construction South Africa (ITC-SA), South Africa's professional body for the engineered timber construction sector, has been recognized as a Voluntary Association in line with the newly-gazetted Voluntary Associations Recognition Framework, which came into effect in 2018.*

In a media statement issued by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) on 2 August 2018<sup>1</sup>, it was reported that the Executive of Policy and Standards at ECSA, Mr Edmund Nxumalo, noted that “the revised and approved rules and framework stipulate that ECSA will be the sole authority on the accreditation, monitoring, and validation of CPD activities and providers.” According to the statement, Nxumalo added that the update would result in the Council’s development of an accreditation policy framework to be prescribed to universities and Voluntary Associations for the verification of CDP providers and the validation of activities. The Council would “also develop a policy for auditing and monitoring of Voluntary Associations and universities.”

In line with the updated Voluntary Associations Recognition Framework, the following outcomes have been outlined by ECSA as underpinning the relationship between ECSA and Voluntary Associations:

- All ECSA-recognised VAs are going to be required to support Council and cooperate with Council in all matters pertaining to the execution of its legislative mandate, its vision, its strategy, its performance plans and its transformation agenda.
- All ECSA-recognised VAs are going to be required to give effect to Council Resolutions in so far as they require execution/implementation by VAs in carrying out Council’s functions.
- The VA Recognition Framework is to reposition ECSA as a sole regulator and representative of the organised engineering profession on all cross-cutting engineering-related matters and discourse nationally and internationally.
- The relationship and interaction between ECSA and its recognised VAs will be more clearly defined and regulated.

According to Amanda Obbes, ITC-SA General Manager, “The amendments to the Recognition Framework are welcomed by the Institute. The changes necessitate that VAs are more accountable for the responsibilities outlined in the framework, the most important being the promotion of ECSA registration. The update also facilitates a closer working relationship between ECSA and VAs than ever before.”

“Recognised VAs, like the ITC-SA, are benefitted through their association with a reputable and credible regulatory body, through which they may also apply for CPD accreditation,” says Obbes, concluding, “The ITC-SA’s now-enhanced association with ECSA will be passed on to its membership, and has great potential to influence an upswing in its reputational profile through dynamic collaboration in programmes and on projects. ITC-SA members also qualify for discounts with ECSA due to their recognised VA membership status. This not only bodes well for the ITC-SA membership, but serves the greater construction industry and the ever-important consumer at the end of the value chain.”

**Reference:**

1. Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) and Institute of Engineers Australia. 2 August 2018. *ECSA engages the Voluntary Associations on the VA and CPD Frameworks*. [www.ecsa.co.za/news/Latest%20News/Voluntary%20Associations.aspx](http://www.ecsa.co.za/news/Latest%20News/Voluntary%20Associations.aspx). Accessed: 31 January 2019.

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**About the Institute for Timber Construction (ITC-SA)**

As a professional body, the ITC-SA's vision is to create and maintain the highest standards in the engineered timber construction industry by monitoring its membership, continuously improving standards, promoting and marketing engineered timber structures, and overseeing the training and development of its members.

The ITC-SA is a South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) accredited professional body with a professional membership and therefore has to comply with the requirements as set out in the National Qualifications Framework Act (NQF Act 67 of 2008 – as amended). The ITC-SA is also a Category B Recognised Voluntary Association in terms of the Engineering Profession Act, 2000 (Act 46 of 2000).

The Institute was established 45 years ago to regulate the engineered timber roof structure industry and to provide design, manufacturing, erection, inspection and certification for compliance with inter alia SANS 10400 and SANS 10082, where engineering rational designs are applicable.

The Institute is a SALGA Disaster Risk Management Strategic Partner.

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