

Media advisory

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South Africa's professional body for engineered timber construction prepares for dormancy

[Johannesburg, 4 October 2019]: *Established more than 45 years ago to help formalise and advance the timber roof construction industry and protect its consumers, the Institute for Timber Construction South Africa (ITC-SA), South Africa's professional body for the engineered timber construction industry, announces its resolution of dormancy as of 1 November 2019.*

This resolution was formally agreed upon at a recent board meeting held in Isando, Gauteng, and comes on the back of protracted talks with various stakeholders regarding sustainable funding avenues to support the work of the ITC-SA into the future.

"In the past, a compulsory membership system was in place, whereby all licensed fabricators were required to hold membership with the ITC-SA to ensure the continued self-regulation of the engineered timber construction industry in South Africa," says Amanda Obbes, ITC-SA General Manager. "However, over the past two years, this membership has become voluntary; coupled with a struggling economy, this has set member support in this critical field into decline. Without the full support of *all* stakeholders, the Institute cannot adequately serve its membership as it has done in the past, through technical standards, auditing and inspection procedures and processes developed over the past 46 years," she explains.

"This resolution comes as a major blow, not only to the Institute as a critical and essential custodian of the engineered timber construction sector, but to its many members who actively pursue excellence in the built environment through world-class timber construction, roofing and decking," says Obbes, concluding, "Engineered timber construction remains a viable and intelligent choice in roofing and construction; however without an entity enforcing high standards and protecting the consumer, the future of quality timber roofing and construction in South Africa is uncertain."

NOTE: As part of its dormancy strategy, the ITC-SA's website and social media channels will be closed on 31 October 2019. Events and training scheduled for the balance of the year, as outlined below, will continue as planned.

- ✓ Workshop: Understanding Timber Roof Inspections | Cape Town | 22-24 October 2019
- ✓ Workshop: Building Regulations & Standards of Timber Roof Trusses | Gansbaai, Cape Town | 7 November 2019
- ✓ Estimator Designer Course | Ends 15 November 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 must 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 self-regulate the engineered timber roof structure industry and to provide design, manufacturing, erection, inspection and certification for compliance with inter alia SANS 10400, SANS 10243 and SANS 10082, where engineering rational designs are applicable.

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ITC001: The Institute for Timber Construction South Africa (ITC-SA) announces its resolution of dormancy as of 1 November 2019.

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