

# Chamber of Eng Tech News. March 2021

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## 1. ECSCA Discount for Chamber members.

ECSCA requested us to supply a list of registered, members and a list of memberships that have been cancelled, to enable them to update their database for the purpose of granting annual fee discounts to active members. In early February members were asked to check that their COET annual fee for 2021 was paid because if not they may not be granted the ECSCA discount on the annual fee which is due in April. To all those who have paid their annual COET fee we say thank you - your name is on the good standing list. The discount is usually more than enough to cover the COET fee. So it pays to belong to COET!!!

Invoices and statements were sent out in December, January and again in February. The standard annual fee is R500 for individuals and R1750 for Company members.

To those who have not yet paid please note that the deadline was 26 February so ECSCA may not grant the discount.

*You snooze, you lose!!*

## 2. CPD News.

### 2.1. COET is an ECSCA CPD Licensed Body.

ECSCA has granted COET the ECSCA CPD Licensed Body Number: LB\_034/2023. COET is entitled to use the title "ECSCA CPD Licensed Body".

This is good news for our CPD courses and our members.

### 2.2. ECSCA. CPD Requirements for 2020 Relaxed!

Following an outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact of the lockdown in South Africa from March 2020, the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSCA) resolved to relax the Continued Professional Development (CPD) requirements and to exempt all Registered Persons from complying with the requirements for the year 2020.

This exemption is automatic and will be implemented by Council as follows:

All practitioners registered in professional or specified categories will be exempted from obtaining five (5) credits for the year 2020. These credits make up five (5) credits of the twenty five (25) credits for the five (5) year cycle required in order to renew registration(s) and will be distributed amongst the three categories as stipulated below:- Categories Activity Number of exempted credits: Category 1 Developmental Activities 1, Category 2 Work-based Activities 2, Category 3 Individual Activities 2 (Total 5). In terms of Section 22(1) of the Engineering Professions Act, the Registered Person must still apply in the prescribed manner to Council for the renewal of his or her registration. ECSCA would like to wish all Registered Persons good health during these trying times and to express our gratitude for the continued support.

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*The above is good news for all ECSCA registered persons!*

### 2.3. Some Questions and Answers on CPD.

We asked ECSCA some questions about multiple CPD presentations and below are the questions and their answers.

Q. Can you please give some guidance here: we usually register a CPD activity for 3 years, and the activity is then presented (if the need requires) a number of times during that time.

A. [ECSCA]. Above aligned with the CPD rules and therefore acceptable

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Q. These dates are not predetermined, and sometimes participants then complain that when they want to post attendance for one of the subsequent dates that their submission is not accepted by the system.

A. [ECSA]. That shouldn't be the case as the attendance date is not a compulsory field. Please ask the attendees to leave this field(s) blank if they experience problems.

Q. Is it preferable that we notify you (ECSA) of the dates of subsequent presentations within the 3 year 'life' of the activity?

A. [ECSA]. No need to.

## **2.4. Good to Know.**

We are planning multi-disciplinary CPD courses, where paid up members will only pay for the catering and venue hire, making it very affordable, so watch this space in 2021.

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## **3. With some gossip floating around from time to time we remind members of the following Chamber of Engineering Technology (COET) Membership Rules;**

1. If members have complaints against fellow COET members and they have prima facie evidence to support their complaint they may lodge the complaint in the prescribed manner to COET.
2. If members have complaints against Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) registered persons and they have sufficient prima facie evidence to support their complaint they may lodge the complaint with ECSA. If the complaint involves another COET member then they must copy COET with the details and letters to ECSA.
3. If a member has a complaint against a Company, Organisation and / or a Lifting Machinery Entity (LME) and they have prima facie evidence to support their claim, they must lodge their complaint, complete with an affidavit, to the Department of Labour, Head Office or other designated Government or Municipal Department. If their complaint is against a COET company member they must copy COET with the details and letters submitted to the Department of Labour or any other Government or Municipal Department.
4. No member may make any public statement on behalf of COET, of any sort whatsoever, including press releases and interviews without obtaining COET Executive Committee's prior written approval of the nature and wording thereof.
5. No member may claim to be inspecting any premises, business or equipment on behalf of COET, ECSA or the Department of Labour or any Government or Municipal Department without prior written approval from the specific organisation.

6. No member shall accompany or assist any individual, from COET, ECSA, and / or the Department of Labour or any Government or Municipal Department in any inspection, investigation or audit without prior written approval from the specific organisation.
7. It is recommended that any request for a COET member to assist in any inspection, investigation or audit from anyone whomsoever, including the Department of Labour or any other Government or Municipal Department, be reduced to writing and that the “inspector” is adequately covered with public liability and contractor’s all risk insurance. Neither COET nor any of its office bearers accepts responsibility or liability for the action of the individual so contracted.
8. Written requests regarding the above as well as answers may be by post or E Mail.

**The complaints procedure for ECSA is shown on their website**

**See;**

**<https://www.ecsa.co.za/regulation/SitePages/Complaints%20of%20Misconduct.aspx>**

***Please note that general and unproven gossip is open to being sued for defamation!! So members must be sure of their facts otherwise when tweeting on social media etc; or they may face problems.***

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#### **No 4. LMI News.**

Mr. Kevin Reckas, (Reg. LMI) has been appointed as a Registration Co-ordinator who may be able to assist LMI's in matters of interest. This is a voluntary position and no remuneration is provided.

Ms Rachael Ledwaba (Reg. LMI) has been appointed as a liaison officer between the Chamber, Transnet and ECSA. This is a voluntary position and no remuneration is provided. She has also been appointed to be a member of SABS TC 110 (SANS 10388 Fork Lifts).

The Chamber Chairperson, Mr Clarence Boonzaier, has been appointed Chairperson of SABS TC10388 Fork Lifts.

Mr Boonzaier has been awarded with a certificate of recognition from SANBS for Demonstrating consistent dedication and participation in the SABS National Standardisation committee work. Mr Arnie Sommer, who recently joined COET, Ms Ledwaba and Vice Chair Mr Deon Havenga have all been nominated to be on the SABS working group for Inspection and Testing of Telescopic Telehandlers.

COET has members on the following SANS and ISO committees.

SABS/TC 0214 - Access Equipment – Elevating Work Platforms

SABS/TC 0110 - Industrial Lift Trucks

SABS/TC 1035 - Vehicle Hoists, jacks and Stands.

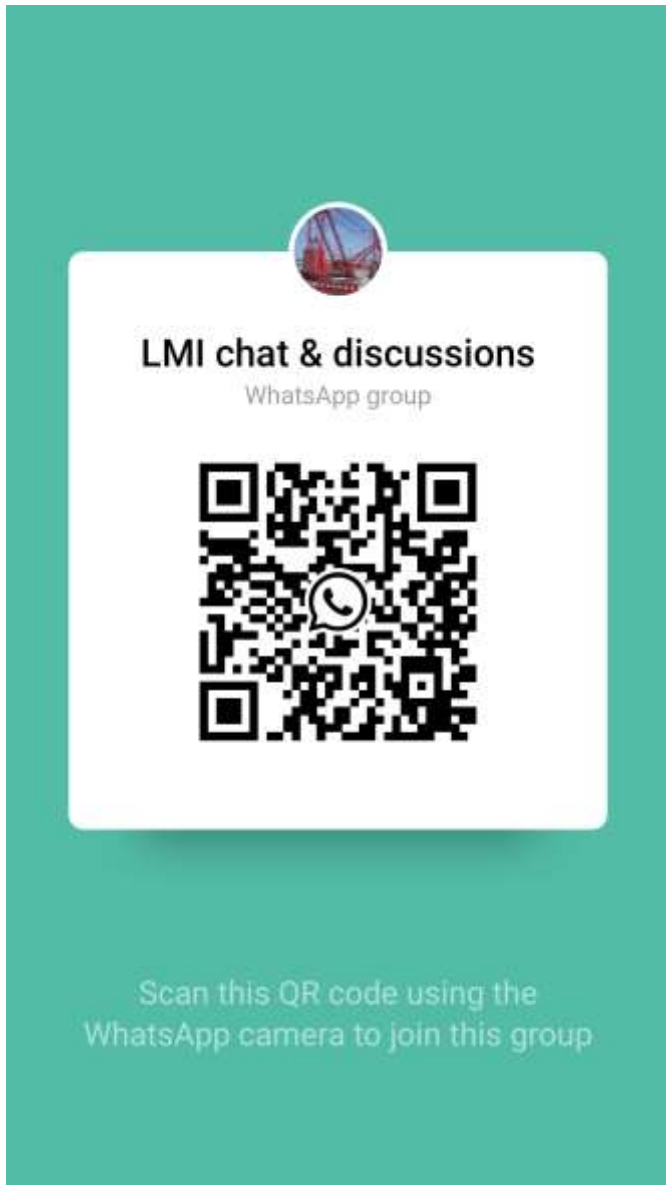
SABS/TC 0096 - Cranes

SABS/TC 1082 - Lifts, Escalators and Passenger conveyors

SABS/TC 1020 - Sans 500

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Mr Gert Oosterhuizen is busy with the media to promote COET.  
There are now 2 WhatsApp groups formed. One for LMI's and the other for LTI/LMI training

*Membership, especially of LMI's, is growing.*



### **WhatsApp Group.**

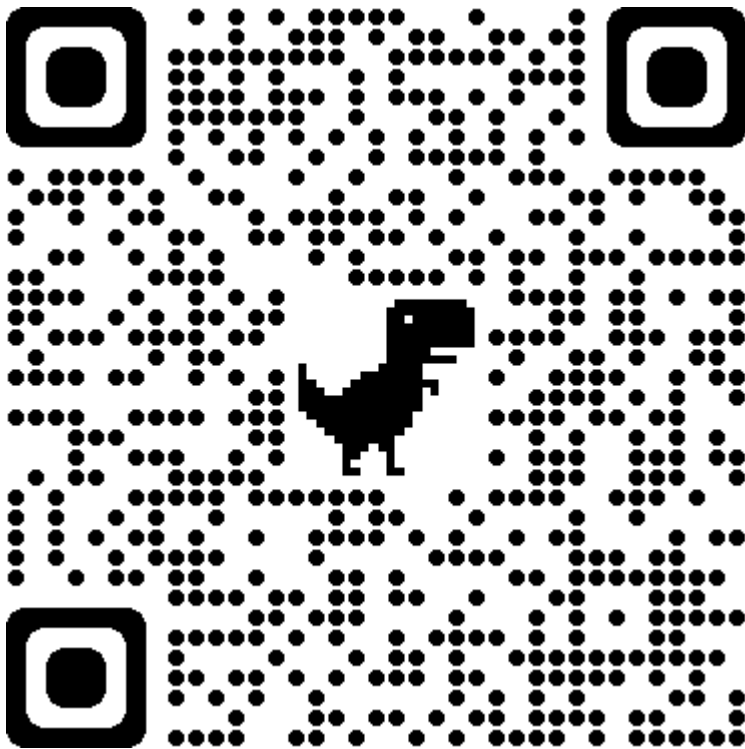
Join COET's WhatsApp group (LMI Chat & Discussions). While it is mainly aimed at LMI's, all are welcome. Kindly note that it is not restricted to COET members at this time.

Moderator is Gerrit Smit etc. Follow the instructions on the attachment.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/IOpzC7V7t6LCNEKyqSww8W>

If you have any queries regarding the above please contact the Chairperson Mr Boonzaier at  
[cpd@forklifttesting.co.za](mailto:cpd@forklifttesting.co.za) Mobile 0832615499

No. 5. Engineers directory



Above is the link QR Code link to our engineers directory  
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**www.engineersdirectory.co.za**

*Services Offered By Members.*

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*If links don't work please type in the text into your internet browser.*

*Wherever possible support your fellow members!*

Best wishes COET Admin.

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**No 6. JOBS!**

*Here are some of the job adverts we have come across recently. Hopefully this may be of assistance to you or someone you know. If you know of any vacancies please give us the details so we can advertise amongst our members. (This is free service to aid our members).*

*Kindly note that while this information is given in good faith, we cannot be held responsible for accuracy or any error. Warning. If you are asked to pay anything or anyone to be considered for a job, DON'T—it is a scam!*

<https://secapps.eskom.co.za/sites/recruitment/Pages/Vacancies.aspx> Eskom Jobs

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=219YybX66MY&feature=youtu.be&ab\\_channel=CUNYQueensborough](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=219YybX66MY&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=CUNYQueensborough)  
Future (1Hr +)

Transnet Jobs  
<http://www.transnet-tpt.net/Careers/Pages/Recruitment.aspx>

General Jobs

<https://www.careersportal.co.za/company/transnet/careers/vacancies-with-transnet-available-now>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcBXtwGexNc&feature=youtu.be&ab\\_channel=JapanVideoTopics-English](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcBXtwGexNc&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=JapanVideoTopics-English)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcBXtwGexNc&feature=youtu.be&ab\\_channel=JapanVideoTopics-English](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcBXtwGexNc&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=JapanVideoTopics-English)

<http://topjobseeker.com/south-africa-jobs/?update>

<http://topjobseeker.com> select south Africa

<https://www.sasol.com/careers/join-our-team>

<https://www.pnet.co.za/jobs/Engineering-Technical-Production-Manufacturing--Gauteng.html>

<https://za.indeed.com/Engineering-jobs-in-Gauteng>

<https://www.careers24.com/jobs/lc-gauteng/se-engineering/>

<https://za.linkedin.com/jobs/engineering-jobs?position=1&pageNum=0>

<http://www.hireresolve.co.za/jobs/Mechanical+%26+Electrical+Engineering+Jobs+in+SA/28>

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## **7. Thoughts about Maintenance.**

Many South African – and even African – companies don't prioritise planned maintenance on their machinery and equipment to the same extent as is done in the more developed countries. The ignoring of regular maintenance has been exacerbated in the past by political interference, bad management, short term accountancy issues, and by the Covid-19 pandemic. Many organisations (Perhaps even including ESKOM) running machinery until it literally breaks down.

The ministers recent announcement that ESKOM plant managers would be held accountable for failures and load shedding may well be a two edged sword. Is the blame to be shifted to engineers who have not been able to do maintenance over the years due to other management, political and financial interference? Hopefully not!. Time will tell.

There is a cost associated with regular maintenance. This cost is typically far lower than the cost of an unplanned breakdown. Breakdowns have a catastrophic impact on production schedules and sustainability of the organisation.

Planned maintenance involves regularly performing inspections, undertaking minor repairs, replacing worn and ageing parts, rather than waiting for them to break down before any repairs are made. The benefit of planned maintenance is that potential problems and failures can be predicted and identified long before they become an issue. Replacement parts can be ordered in advance and

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budgeted for. It's a preventative rather than a reactive approach which can provide significant savings both in terms of time and money.

The following of a recommended maintenance schedule reduces the likelihood of unexpected breakdowns and reduces unplanned downtime. It also has the advantage of extending the life of machinery and equipment.

The maintenance that is needed should be left to the engineering professionals involved and not arbitrarily taken by politicians, Non-engineering managers and accountants. Too often the short term decision is taken ignoring the long term cost of failure.

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### **No 8. Thought for the day.**

"Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?"

LM Montgomery

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### **No 9.**

#### **Unsubscribe Option.**

As a member of COET you should want to receive the E News. If however u do not want to receive the COET E News as an E Mail then you have the option to unsubscribe.

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#### **No. 11. General.**

*To All Members*

*Annual*

*Information*

*Update.*

**We no longer post items. Post only used in special cases. Please get an E Mail address so we can communicate with you.**

***Your E mail, if you have one, does not always work! Please complete & return this form for updates.***

Note that E mail addresses that end in Spoornet, Transnet, Eskom and Gov. (Government) are usually blocked at your end.

E Mails to some Consulting firms are also blocked.

Aurecon & ones ending in  
Telkomsa.net included!

You have to fix this at the/your receiving end as we cannot solve this for you.

***We recommend members use private individual E Mail addresses instead of Company addresses.***

**Provide us with your E mail address so we can send our regular News etc to you. Thank you for co-operation.**

***Thanks from E Mail. [engineer@netactive.co.za](mailto:engineer@netactive.co.za)***

**Scroll down.**

**Form for Individual  
Members**



Last name		Initials	
First Names			
<b>Your Preferred Postal Address</b>		Postal code	
Alternate or Work Postal address		Postal code	
Name of Employer / Company			
Your or your Companies main field of engineering			
Work Tel (include area codes for all numbers)		Work Fax	
Home Tel		Home Fax	
Cell No		<b>E Mail</b>	
Membership Number			
<b>Engineering Council of SA Registration Number (If applicable)</b>			
ID Number	Birthday, Year, Month, Day		
Race (For statistical purposes only)	Asian (Indian etc) = A Black = B	Coloured = C White = W	

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