

# COET Newsletter June 2024. (revised).

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## 1. COET is listed as an ECSA Nominating Body.

Letter from ECSA is shown below.

**12 June 2024**

### **The Chamber of Engineering Technology (COET)**

Admin Officer

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Per email: [engineer@netactive.co.za](mailto:engineer@netactive.co.za)

Dear Mr Nel

### **Application to be Listed as a Nominating Body**

1. The Chamber of Engineering Technology (COET) application to be listed as a Nominating Body for the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) 7<sup>th</sup> Term Council nomination process refers.
1. I am pleased to inform you that COET's application to be listed as a Nominating Body has been approved.
1. Please look out for the call for nominations to be issued in due course and submit your nominations using the form relevant to Nominating Bodies to nominate Council members.
1. Thank you for your interest in the governance of the ECSA and for your ongoing support of the engineering profession.

Yours sincerely,

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**Dr Bridget Ssamula**  
Chief Executive Officer

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## 2. Annual Fees discount for VA members (COET).

13 May 2024

A list of valid COET members was given (again) to ECSA as required by ECSA.

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**3. ECSA Year Fees for COET Members. (This is a copy of an E mail sent to all members earlier this year).**

ECSA never shows the full fee and the concession (discount) with the reduced total on any of their invoices. They show only the bottom-line figure, so recipients are never sure if discount has been allowed or not. Therefore members must check any invoice they receive from ECSA to ensure that the discounted figure is there!

The current fees for 2024 from the link below are shown below;

<https://www.ecsa.co.za/cpd/MaintainReg/Annual%20and%20Appl%20Fees%202024-2025-signed.pdf>

ECSA Annual Fees 2024.

Annual Fees (VAT included)

Candidates

No Exemption R2 124.00.

With exemption R1 911.00

(a discount of R 213.00).

Professional & Registered Categories

No Exemption R5 253.00

With exemption R4 570.00

(a discount of R 683.00)

An Early bird discount is granted to registered persons if their annual fees for April to March are paid on or before 30 June. The discount is R100 for Candidates and R250 for Professionals, VAT inclusive. (7) In addition to the annual fees in arrear, an admin fee of R500 is payable when reinstating a registration

*So it pays to be a member because you get 2 for the price of one (and change)!*

Kindly note that members have to take up fee issues with ECSA direct as we are not allowed to do this on their behalf.

Contact ECSA direct at [engineer@ecsa.co.za](mailto:engineer@ecsa.co.za)

Tel:	(0861) 225 555
Fax (General):	(011) 622 9295
Fax (Accounts & Call Centre):	(011) 616 1855
Fax (Admin):	(011) 607 9556
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E-Mail:	<a href="mailto:engineer@ecsa.co.za">engineer@ecsa.co.za</a>

**4. The Chamber of Engineering Technology (COET) is recognised by ECSA as an ECSA CPD Licensed body.**

Dear Mr Nel,

**RE: APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION AS AN ECSA CPD LICENSED BODY**

The application by **THE CHAMBER OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY (COET)** to be recognised as an ECSA CPD Licensed Body dated **08 November 2023** refers.

In terms of the Standard for Continuing Professional Development (ECPD-01-STA) and the prescribed Rules on Continuing Professional Development (Board Notice 86 of 2017), ECSA is pleased to inform

you that your organisation's application has been approved, following a review of the documents submitted in softcopy format by your Mr Clarence Boonzaier and Mr Deon Havenga.

ECSA will be sharing a copy of the new recognition certificate in due course.

Yours sincerely,

**Ivan Horner**

Manager: Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

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## 5. COET Recognised as a Voluntary Association by ECSA.

11 December 2023

Name of the VA: Chamber of Engineering Technology (COET)

Recognition number: VA A007

Name: Mr Viv Nel

Designation: Chief Operations Officer

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Dear Mr Nel

### **RECOGNITION AS A VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 25 OF THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION ACT, 2000 (ACT NO. 46 OF 2000)**

It gives us great pleasure to inform you that the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) recognises the **Chamber of Engineering Technology (COET)** as a voluntary association, in terms of Section 25 of the abovementioned Act, with effect from **09 October 2023**.

The decision to recognise **COET** is in line with the Voluntary Association framework gazetted in May 2017 in Government Gazette No 40827. This framework is subject to a review and your association may be required to reapply for recognition once the gazetting of the revised framework is completed.

Your attention is directed to the provisions of Section 25 of the Act, the most salient extracts of which are quoted below:

**"25.**

*(4) A certificate of recognition is valid for a period of five years from the date of issue.*

*(5) A voluntary association must display its certificate of recognition in a prominent place at its head office.*

*(6) The recognition of a voluntary association lapses—*

*(a) if that association no longer complies with the requirements contemplated in section 14(d); or*

*(b) at the expiry of the five-year period referred to in subsection (4)*

*(7) A voluntary association must, at least three months prior to the expiry of its recognition, apply in the prescribed manner to the council for the renewal thereof.*

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## 6. IMPORTANT NEWS FOR LMI Members.

### **Dear Members**

I am pleased to provide an update on the progress and achievements of our organization since our appointment in office. COET membership has steadily grown now totalling to approximately 276 professionals. This increase reflects our commitment to providing networking opportunities and professional development all members across various disciplines/categories.

### **Developments**

- The Chamber of Engineering and Technology is planning to hold a conference in Johannesburg on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. We will provide update on the cost and venue. The conference will be structured around the Lifting Machinery Laws and members will get 1 CDP for attending. The numbers would determine the venue we have in mind and reduce the cost to the members.

Please email [engineer@netactive.co.za](mailto:engineer@netactive.co.za) if you want to make a preliminary booking.

- The Chamber of Engineering and Technology (COET), the Department of Employment and Labour (DoEL), and the Lifting Equipment Engineering Association of South Africa (LEEASA) recently convened a joint meeting to discuss collaborative efforts to enhance the engineering and conformance within the lifting industry. The meeting was held on the 24 June 2024 at ECSA Bruma offices.

### **Meeting Overview**

The meeting was aimed at addressing key issues affecting the lifting industry, establishing a framework for collaboration among the two voluntary associations led by the DoEL, and implementing self-regulation mechanisms to manage non-conformance among members. Additionally, the development of comprehensive codes of practice to guide industry standards was a major focus.

### **Collaboration Proposal from LEEASA**

LEEASA presented a collaboration proposal aimed at improving industry standards and practices through self-regulation and the development of a National Code of Practice. The proposal underscored the need for voluntary associations (VAs) to actively monitor and manage member behavior to ensure compliance with professional standards, before reporting members to ECSA.

#### **Key Points of the Proposal:**

1. **Self-Regulation for Non-Conformance:** LEEASA emphasized the importance of self-regulation, where VAs would implement measures to address violations and educate the members. This initiative aims to maintain the integrity and reputation of the lifting industry professions by ensuring adherence to established standards.
2. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):** An MOU will be signed between COET, and LEEASA to formalize their collaboration. This agreement will detail the roles and responsibilities of each organization in promoting improved industry practices and ensuring effective self-regulation.

3. **The role of DoEL:** Will be to facilitate all meetings between COET and LEEASA to ensure the goals and objectives are achieved and the collaboration will be called the DMR Forum.

The objectives of the DMR Forum will be to development of the National Code of Practice for the lifting industries. This code will provide a comprehensive framework for Lifting Mechanical Entities (LMEs) and Lifting Machinery Inspectors (LMIs), establishing best practices, ethical standards, and regulatory compliance requirements.

- **Goals of the National Code of Practice:**

**Standardization:** Establish uniform standards across the industry to ensure consistency and quality in engineering and lifting practices.

**Quality Assurance:** Enhance the safety and reliability of projects by providing clear guidelines and protocols.

**Professional Integrity:** Promote ethical behavior and accountability among ECSA registered practitioners and professionals, reinforcing the trust and credibility of the professions.

- **Objectives of the LMI Code of Practice:**

**Inspection Standards:** Define precise standards for mechanical inspections to ensure thoroughness and accuracy.

**Safety Protocols:** Establish comprehensive safety procedures to protect both inspectors and the public.

**Regulatory Compliance:** Provide clear instructions for complying with local and national regulations, minimizing legal risks, and ensuring adherence to industry standards.

The joint meeting between DoEL, COET, and LEEASA concluded with a unanimous agreement on the importance of collaboration to elevate industry standards and practices. The proposed self-

regulation measures and the development of detailed codes of practice are expected to significantly improve the professionalism and reliability of the lifting machinery industry. The signing of the MOU will mark a critical step forward in this collaborative effort, paving the way for continued progress and innovation within the industry. COET is there to serve the COET Members, and COET wants to thank all the members for being part of COET, together we can achieve great goals.

Compiled by R Ledwaba (Chairperson COET).

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### **7. New Developments in the Lifting Industry**

Members have been jointly busy with the reviewing of the ECSA R-01-POL-SC and R-02-STA-SC documents. Keep a look out for the latest updates on the ECSA website.

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## **8. SURVEY AND REQUEST FOR INPUTS!!**

### **Guidelines of tasks, duties and responsibilities of positions in COET.**

Hi all,

For good governance and management we need to improve and to update and clarify this so as to make it clearer for future members and for the efficient management of COET in general.

This will also aid us in getting active members involved as they will know what is expected of them.

Please make suggestions in the form of bullet points and not just overall generalities for each or some or all of the positions listed.

All inputs are welcome and we will attempt to make a meaningful list for debate and eventual finalization.

This is required for at least the following positions.

1. Chair.
2. Vice Chairs.
3. Treasurer / Finance Manager.
4. Internal Audit.
5. EXCO members.
6. Finance Committee members.
7. CPD Committee members.
8. Working (Task) groups). See list below).
9. ECSA Liaison.
10. Council members.
11. Administration.
12. Dept. of Employment and Labour (DOEL) Liaison
13. CPD Training

As many of the tasks involve more than just the immediate Exco and Council we **ask all members** if they are willing to assist in any of the following tasks.

Please let us know if you would like to be part of anyone or more of the following task groups.  
The group would look at the particular portfolio and make recommendations to implement actions.

CPD courses vetting.  
CPD courses development.  
CPD courses reviewer.  
Public Relations  
Communications to members  
Newsletter  
Website  
Liaison with ECSA.  
Recruitment of new members.  
Annual Awards  
Admin advisory  
Adhoc work group.  
National Science & Technology Forum (NSTF) representative  
SA Forum for Engineering (SAFE)  
Finance  
Software advisory.

All inputs are welcome.

Thanks for your co-operation and input.

Best wishes

Viv Nel

For COET.

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**Part 9**

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