



**THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL**  
for the  
**QUANTITY SURVEYING PROFESSION**  
**DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE RAAD vir die BOUREKENAARSPROFESSIE**

Established in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act 2000 (Act 49 of 2000)  
Ingestel ingevolge die Wet op die Bourekenaarsprofessie 2000 (Wet 49 van 2000)

**POLICY DOCUMENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF THE STATUTORY REGULATORY FRAMEWORK OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROFESSIONS**

**Comment by SA Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession**

**1 Introduction**

The SACQSP is committed to the growth and development of the SA economy by facilitating the production of appropriately qualified quantity surveyors and ensuring adherence to nationally relevant and internationally recognized codes of practice by the profession, thereby protecting the South African public in their use of professional quantity surveying services. The SACQSP has responded willingly and readily to all requests by, and mandated submissions to, the CBE. The SACQSP is prepared and willing to work with the National Department of Public Works and mandated organs of state at any time on issues related to the quantity surveying profession, the built environment and the national economy.

It is with the most unpleasant surprise that the SACQSP finds itself confronted with the proposed amendments of the statutory regulatory framework, which has been sprung on built environment councils without prior consultation, a proposal that radically restructures the oversight role that each council is mandated to play on its respective profession. The SACQSP is concerned that insufficient timeline has been allowed for response by affected and interested parties to these proposals. The SACQSP unequivocally requests an extension of time for the Council to prepare and submit a full response to the proposed amendments, as the three-week period is inadequate.

The SACQSP is not opposed to change and will contribute willingly, constructively and determinedly to a process aimed at addressing the concerns raised in the policy document. The SACQSP remains to be convinced, however, that the radical measures proposed in the document will sufficiently address these concerns. The SACQSP is concerned that, on the contrary, these proposed measures may prove detrimental to the long-term growth and development of the quantity surveying and other built environment professions in South Africa.

The SACQSP is aware that reservations expressed to the proposed amendments might be interpreted invariably as attempts at self-preservation, nevertheless makes this submission objectively and for the future benefit of the quantity surveying profession and South Africa.

**2 The findings of the DPW's 2003 mid-term review of the built environment professions**

The SACQSP wishes to place on record that no interaction between the Council and the DPW occurred specifically in respect of a mid-term review.

**Page 1 of 3 pages**

Unit B26, Block B, Lone Creek, Corner Mac Mac Road & Howick Close, Waterfall Park, Bekker Road, Vorna Valley Ext 21,  
MIDRAND 1686

Eenheid B26, Blok B, Lone Creek, Hoek van Mac Mac-weg & Howick Close, Waterfallpark, Bekkerweg, Vorna Vallei  
Uitbr 21, MIDRAND 1686

P O Box / Posbus 654, HALFWAY HOUSE, 1685

Tel: 011 312-2560/1 Fax: 011 312-2562 e-mail / e-pos: registrar@sacqsp.org.za



**THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL**  
for the  
**QUANTITY SURVEYING PROFESSION**  
**DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE RAAD vir die BOUREKENAARSPROFESSIE**

Established in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act 2000 (Act 49 of 2000)  
Ingestel ingevolge die Wet op die Bourekenaarsprofessie 2000 (Wet 49 van 2000)

The SACQSP takes cognizance of the issues raised in this section of the proposed amendment.

The SACQSP cautions that a number of these concerns, such as emigration of built environment professionals, limited access to educational programmes and low levels of registration of professionals are not applicable in the extant context. The lack of integrated planning and action by the professional councils and the CBE is entirely rectifiable by the CBE and not due to a lack of willingness by the councils.

### **3 Shortcomings in the present regulatory framework**

The SACQSP notes that the shortcomings cited in this section of the report do not apply equally to all the statutory councils and the fact that some councils are challenged by some or all of these shortcomings should not be used against all councils. The SACQSP can demonstrate factually the trajectory of accomplishments that support the national imperatives in respect of the quantity surveying profession.

### **4 Proposed principles determining the proposed changes to the current legislative framework**

The SACQSP is concerned that the proposed oversight structure and function of the proposed SACBE is too unwieldy to tackle the cited shortcomings in the present regulatory framework. The proposed structure separates responsibility and accountability and will likely create governance problems. It is inconceivable that a single board will effectively and adequately monitor and control the activities of boards that oversee the roles of the various built environment professions with wide ranging expertise and interests.

The immediate impact of the proposed change is the loss of morale among current, knowledgeable staff of the councils and potential difficulty of achieving voluntarism in the service of councils.

Members of the SACQSP receive no remuneration for their participation on Council and its sub-committees.

### **5 Conclusion**

The SACQSP makes this submission objectively and for the future benefit of the quantity surveying profession and South Africa.

**Page 2 of 3 pages**

Unit B26, Block B, Lone Creek, Corner Mac Mac Road & Howick Close, Waterfall Park, Bekker Road, Vorna Valley Ext 21,  
MIDRAND 1686

Eenheid B26, Blok B, Lone Creek, Hoek van Mac Mac-weg & Howick Close, Waterfallpark, Bekkerweg, Vorna Vallei  
Uitbr 21, MIDRAND 1686

P O Box / Posbus 654, HALFWAY HOUSE, 1685

Tel: 011 312-2560/1 Fax: 011 312-2562 e-mail / e-pos: registrar@sacqsp.org.za



**THE SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL**  
for the  
**QUANTITY SURVEYING PROFESSION**  
**DIE SUID-AFRIKAANSE RAAD vir die BOUREKENAARSPROFESSIE**

Established in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act 2000 (Act 49 of 2000)  
Ingestel ingevolge die Wet op die Bourekenaarsprofessie 2000 (Wet 49 van 2000)

The SACQSP is deeply concerned that these proposed measures may prove detrimental to the long-term growth and development of the quantity surveying and other built environment professions in South Africa.

Furthermore, the SACQSP is also extremely concerned that an insufficient timeline has been allowed for response by affected and interested parties to the proposals presented in the Amendments to the Statutory Regulatory Framework of the Built Environment Professions.

The SACQSP

- confirms its willingness to work with the National Department of Public Works and the CBE,
- is not opposed to change,
- will contribute willingly, constructively and determinedly to a process aimed at addressing the concerns raised in the policy document
- is committed to the growth and development of the SA economy by facilitating the production of appropriately qualified quantity surveyors and ensuring adherence to nationally relevant and internationally recognized codes of practice

### **Recommendation**

The SACQSP unequivocally recommends that an extension of time be granted for the Council to prepare and submit a full response to the proposed amendments, as the three-week period is inadequate.

This response has been signed by Professor Gaye Le Roux, SACQSP Registrar and faxed to

- The Director-General of the National Department of Public Works
- The Chief Executive Officer of the Council for the Built Environment

**PROFESSOR GAYE LE ROUX**  
**REGISTRAR**

**28 MARCH 2008**

**Page 3 of 3 pages**

Unit B26, Block B, Lone Creek, Corner Mac Mac Road & Howick Close, Waterfall Park, Bekker Road, Vorna Valley Ext 21,  
MIDRAND 1686

Eenheid B26, Blok B, Lone Creek, Hoek van Mac Mac-weg & Howick Close, Waterfallpark, Bekkerweg, Vorna Vallei  
Uitbr 21, MIDRAND 1686

P O Box / Posbus 654, HALFWAY HOUSE, 1685

Tel: 011 312-2560/1 Fax: 011 312-2562 e-mail / e-pos: registrar@sacqsp.org.za