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THE "NEW" ACT

The statute presently governing the quantity profession is the Quantity Surveying Profession Act (Act No 49 of 2000). Under this act, a "new look" council was appointed by the Minister for Public Works, Ms Stella Sigcau which met for the first time in August 2001.

Since then considerable ground work has taken place, particularly in the drafting of Rules, identifying work for quantity surveyors, negotiating with sister council including the Council for the Built Environment (the over arching council for all the built environment professions) and the determination of categories of registration.

CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT

On the 1st of November 2002 Mr Basie Botha left the employ of the SA Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession. Basie had been with the Council (and its forerunner) for seven years.

We wish him well in his new career.

At present Mr Len Harris is acting in the post of Registrar while plans are being made to replace Mr Botha probably in the new year. Len Harris is well known in quantity surveying circles and the Council appreciates his willingness to take on this caretaker role.

cpd AMNESTY

On 13th March 2002, the Council resolved that:

- *All Professional Quantity Surveyors registered in terms of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act 2000 (Act 49 of 2000) will enjoy a period of amnesty until 28th February 2003 for the submission of their CPD records for the period 1st January 1999 to 30th June 2002*
- *The minimum number of points to be gained in any one year of a five-year cycle will remain at 25 and the maximum points per annum will no longer apply*
- *The minimum total number of points to be gained by the close of a five-year cycle remains at 200*
- *The current five-year cycle terminates on 30th June 2004*

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION

The council recently took the unfortunate but essential decision to cancel the registration of a considerable number of registered persons who had not paid their annual registration fee, some for two years.

Section 20 (1) (a) (iii) of the Quantity Surveying Profession Act (Act No 49 of 2000) which reads as follows:

- 20 (1) (a) *The council may cancel the registration of a registered person if he or she –*
- (iii) *fails to pay the prescribed annual fee or portion thereof, within 60 days after it*

becomes due or within such further period as the council may, allow, either before or from expiry of the 60 days.

This decision was not taken lightly but many so-called professionals deliberately ignored repeated requests for payment, following invoices, statements, accounts rendered and numerous telephone calls. The Council is aware of the economic times and were open to "arrangements" for the staged payment of overdue amounts. The fee for a professional quantity surveyor is R 495,50 (including VAT), which amounts to R 46,00 per month

REVISION OF FEE SCALES

The Council has approved a revision to the "GUIDELINE PROFESSIONAL FEES". These revisions which involve an updating of Table 2.2 **Basis fee** and clause 8.1.2 on gross remuneration

The Tariff of Fees for Professional Quantity Surveyors as published by the South African Council for Quantity Surveyors in Notice No 1350 of Government Gazette No 21876 dated 15 December 2000 is amended as follows:

Table 2.2 is replaced with the following table:

2.2 Basic fee

Value category	Basic fee	
	Primary Charge	Marginal rate
1	2	3
Up to R 250 000	R 1 430	8,25 % on balance over R 0
R 250 000 – R 500 000	R 22 055	5,83 % on balance over R 250 000
R 500 000 – R 1 000 000	R 36 630	5,17 % on balance over R 500 000
R 1 000 000 – R 2 000 000	R 62 480	5,06 % on balance over R 1 000 000
R 2 000 000 – R 4 000 000	R 13 080	4,95 % on balance over R 2 000 000
R 4 000 000 – R 8 000 000	R 212 000	4,40 % on balance over R 4 000 000
R 8 000 000 – R 16 000 000	R 388 000	4,15 % on balance over R 8 000 000
R 16 000 000 – R 32 000 000	R 720 000	3,69 % on balance over R 16 000 000
R 32 000 000 – R 64 000 000	R1 310 000	3,44 % on balance over R 32 000 000
R 64 000 000 – R128 000 000	R2 410 000	3,38 % on balance over R 64 000 000
R128 000 000 – R256 000 000	R4 570 000	2,87 % on balance over R128 000 000
R256 000 000 and over	R8 245 000	2,64 % on balance over R256 000 000

Clause 8.1.2 is amended as follows:

8.1.2 Salaried personnel: 17 cents for each R100,00 of **gross annual remuneration** applicable at the time the service is rendered

IDENTIFICATION OF WORK

Professor Basie Verster has been mandated by the council to negotiate the identify the work which may only be performed by registered persons [professional quantity surveyor or candidate quantity surveyor under supervision]. This has required negotiation with the other professional councils, particularly the council for the project and

construction management professions, the new crowd on the block !

A advert will be appearing in the Government Gazette shortly inviting any interest party to make comment on this document.