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To All Registered Persons

The following notice was released to the press this week and refers to the compulsory registration after 30 June 2006 of architectural draughtspersons, technologists and senior technologists. We should be pleased if you would display the notice in your office

Architectural Practitioners obliged to register with Architectural Council – Professional Practice Exam required after 30 June 2006

From 1 July 2006, all persons practising architecture or submitting architectural building plans to local authorities will be obliged to register with the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) in one of the following categories:

Professional Architect	-	PrArch
Professional Senior Architectural Technologist	-	PrSArchT
Professional Architectural Technologist	-	PrArchT
Professional Draughtsperson	-	PrArchDraught

Under the transitional provisions of the Architectural Profession Act, 2000 (Act 44 of 2000), persons practising as Senior Architectural Technologists, Architectural Technologists and Draughtspersons were allowed to continue doing architectural work of under 500m² without being registered with SACAP until a cut-off date is determined by the Minister of Public Works in the *Government Gazette*

This date has now been determined as 30 June 2006 and published as Notice No 127 in Government Gazette No 28493 dated 10 February 2006. The main implication of this notice is that persons who apply for registration with SACAP after 30 June 2006 will have to pass a Professional Practice Examination before being able to register as a professional draughtsperson, architectural technologist or senior architectural technologist, as the case may be

Persons registered as candidates (trainees) in any of the above categories may undertake architectural work only if such work is performed under the direction, control and direct supervision of a person registered as a professional in a similar or higher category

Exemptions

Persons registered with certain closely allied Councils may be exempted if they, in the course of their profession, perform any overlapping functions for which their education and training have specifically rendered them competent

Identification of Work

An "Identification of Work Framework" which identifies areas of work to be performed by persons registered in each category of registration with SACAP, is still being finalised and should follow within a few months of the cut-off date of 30 June 2006. The present regulation which reserves architectural work of over 500 square meters for professional architects, remains in force until it is repealed by the Minister by notice in the *Government Gazette* and until the "Identification of Work Framework" is published in accordance with the Council for the Built Environment Act, 2000. After the publication of this notice, persons who are not registered with SACAP will not be able to perform architectural work and will be liable for prosecution if they continue to do so

Application forms for registration are available from the Council's website at www.sacapsa.com or on request from 011 794 8333. Due to the large number of applications expected and the processing time required for each application, all applications for registration are to be submitted to SACAP as early as possible in order to help ensure minimal disruption to the architectural practices of those affected

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