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ACEN NEWS CIRCULAR – JANUARY 2021:

Dear ACEN Member

1. WELCOME TO 2021

Dear valued ACEN Member

From ACEN's side we wish you all a prosperous 2021, blessed with good health and constructive opportunities. May everyone receive grace to be able to stay positive in these uncertain times.

2. GENERAL

Please take note of the following:

ACEN office hours: 8H00 until 13H00 on Mondays to Fridays.

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3. PROCUREMENT ACT- Industry Sub-Committee (ISC)

The ISC is still actively pursuing procurement issues related to Professional Services and Fees and Contractual Documentation.

In the last meeting it was agreed to source a dynamic lawyer to drive all related challenges/problems. Lawyer expenses will be funded by the INQS, NIA and ACEN.

The PPU will be approached, suggesting future collaboration with the ISC.

4. NEW CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTATION – PROCSA

ACEN recommends the use of The PROCSA Suite of Documents in combination with the revised ACEN Fee Scale Model referred to as the Annexure C Document which you can find on the ACEN website under the PROCSA Tab.

The updated ACEN Fee Scale Model referred to as the Annexure C Document will be distributed to Members soon.

5. STANDARDIZED FEE CLAIM TEMPLATE:

The standardized Fee Claim Template will be introduced to Members as a preferred claim format to ensure uniformity amongst the industry.

6. FIDIC AFRICA

ACEN Council has decided to join as a Member of FIDIC Africa. The vision of FIDIC Africa is to create a strong African Consulting Engineering Association voice that will help strengthen the recognition of our Organisations and subsequently the value that member Consulting Engineering companies add to the infrastructure development processes

through the AU (which has some influence over individual governments) and through Development Banks, on the continent as well as International Development Banks who tend to fund projects on the Continent.

7. INCENTIVE TO ACEN MEMBER FIRMS THAT ENGAGE IN APPOINTING INTERNS

The internship initiative will compensate Member firms with a percentage of the cost per professional / incorporated engineer for every intern that completes an internship term at the respective firm.

In order to claim this discount, the firm should submit a report, indicating the type of work performed by the intern, the period of internship as well as the final conclusion of the internship. However, the member firm will only qualify for the incentive at the end of a book year period (end of February each year). ACEN will reimburse the firm on the ACEN Membership Fee Invoice.

An updated e-mail with adjusted recommendations and explanations regarding shorter-term internships has been sent to Members.

8. ACEN WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE

The ACEN Website is being updated regularly and operating without problems.

We have created an ACEN Facebook page intended for interactive engineering related communication and sharing of interesting information, facts or projects, thus also giving more exposure to the ACEN Member Firms on social media. Please visit the Facebook page and share with your Engineering associates and friends.

Facebook link to visit the page: <https://www.facebook.com/consultnamibia/>

9. ANNUAL DECLARATIONS 2021/22

The Annual Declaration form was e-mailed to Members. Kindly complete and e-mail the form back to ACEN by the 10th of February 2021. **PLEASE NOTE!!!** Annual Declarations NOT submitted by the due date will be invoiced with a 10% increase on your Total Staff numbers as per your 2020 Annual Declaration.

10. ACEN MEMBERSHIP FEES 2021/2022

The ACEN Membership Invoices for the 2021/2022 book year will be sent out at the beginning of March 2021. Council will be determining the fee increase as soon as the ACEN Budget for 2021/2022 has been approved by Council.

11. REQUEST FOR LEGAL OPINIONS REGARDING MISCONSTRUED IMPLEMENTATION OF GAZETTED REGULATIONS

The recent implementation of new directives and misconstrued promulgated regulations have become a regular occurrence at DoW and should be of serious concern to all Namibian Consulting Engineering Firms. Even more so, the consulting fraternity stands the risk to loose substantial income according to the blatant implementation of the hostile directives as imposed by DoW on Consulting Firms, which will possibly set the tone for the new normal regarding fee accounts and cause serious harm to the industry in the future.

ACEN will be contributing toward an initiative to obtain Legal opinions on the following matters:

1. To determine whether or not the civil/ structural engineer is responsible for the design and documentation of brickwork on building/engineering projects.
2. To determine the comprehensive definition of travelling time, what is included in the definition and also provide guidance on reasonable time-related aspects that can be charged by the professional.