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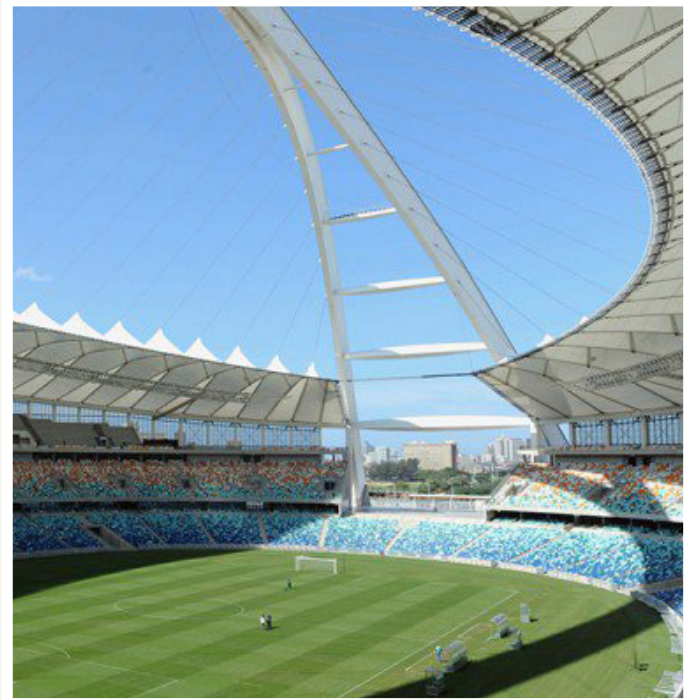
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A word from the top



Hon. Nkosinathi Nhleko
Minister of Public Works

It is an honour to pen the message for this inaugural publication and support the resolve to broaden stakeholder engagement. I wish to congratulate the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) on this initiative aimed at encouraging dialogue and information sharing to refocus us on deepening transformation.

Platforms such as these are necessary – for most of our worktime we are engrossed with mandates, operational deliverables and all things target-driven that often the ‘softer’ issues get overlooked and unintentionally fall by the wayside. And indeed, vehicles such as this bulletin will help to keep these ‘softer’ issues on the radar screen to sustain the functioning of the organisation as an integrated whole.

We are excited that the **CBE Bulletin** will publish monthly, covering a spectrum of topics and themes that affect and influence the built environment, its stakeholders and the public in any and every way, large or small. Health and safety on construction sites is a matter that literally affects life and limb on work sites, it must thus take top position on the list of priority themes. The other recurring theme that must be given full expression in all of its shapes and forms is that of transformation in the built environment. I consider myself as still a ‘new’ addition to the Public Works and built environment family, so I’m also optimistic that I will be able to utilise this medium to join the mainstream dialogue with stakeholders.

Time has virtually gobbled up 2017, so in winding down and reflecting on what we have individually and collectively achieved over the past year, I hope yours was a fulfilling one. With the holiday season around the corner, I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones peace and safety over this festive period. May the New Year bear fruit for your hopes and aspirations.

I also extend my best wishes to the publication team, may the **CBE Bulletin** grow from strength to strength.

Hon. Nkosinathi Nhleko
Minister of Public Works

CBE to initiate a formal consultative forum to examine the current concerns in the Construction Health and Safety profession



Mr Douglas Michell
Member of the CBE Council

The Construction Regulations 2014 challenges the industry to spread the burden of compliance among all stakeholders. The legislator provided an opportunity to Construction Health and Safety (CHS) specialists to add value to the process by including specific reference to the participation of Construction Health and Safety specialist in the construction stages. Implying that there should be skilled input into the process from the beginning of a project right through to the close out and that the appointed person must be registered with a statutory body approved by the Chief Inspector. The council approved by the Chief Inspector is the South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professionals (SACPCMP), one of the six Councils for the Built Environment Professions within the assemble of the CBE.

The CBE does not perform operational functions but assumes only an oversight role monitoring the functions of the councils. Through consultation the CBE has noted that notwithstanding the efforts put in to date by the SACPCMP, the current successful registrations has not met the anticipated targets.

The CBE is positioned to play a pivotal role in initiating interventions which will identify significant corrections. The council has resolved to instigate an urgent consultative forum with all relevant stakeholders, to identify the challenges which the registration process faces and the pending consequences of the amended Construction Work Permit application criteria from 07 August 2018 with possible solutions.

The CBE is committed to working with all stakeholders to address the negative perceptions experienced. Working with the SACPCMP and other stakeholders to advance the CHS profession with one objective in mind to reduce the number of injuries in an industry that experiences accidents at unacceptable levels.

Appointment of chief executive officer



Ms Priscilla Mdlalose, chief executive officer of the Council for the Built Environment

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE), located in Pretoria, is a statutory body established in terms of the Council for the Built Environment Act (No. 43 of 2000). It is an overarching body that coordinates the six councils for the built environment professions (architecture, engineering, landscape architects, project and construction management, property valuation and quantity surveying). The Council for the Built Environment is bound by its mandate to ensure sustainable built environment professions which serve public and national interests.

The CBE announced on 09 October 2017 the appointment of Ms Priscilla Mdlalose as their chief executive officer.

Ms Priscilla Mdlalose holds a Masters Degree in Town and Regional Planning, a B.Ed degree, a certificate in Project Management and a certificate in Housing Policy Development. She comes with a wealth of experience rooted in education, the NGO sector, and local government.

She joined the CBE as chief operations officer, and took over the reins as acting chief executive officer in November 2015. Her task is to ensure that the CBE implements the CBE Act 43 of 2000, as well as address challenges and transformation in the built environment sector.

Award for a clean audit opinion



CBE's executive team proudly display the awards received for the Clean Audit Opinion. Chief executive officer Priscilla Mdlalose (centre) is flanked by chief financial officer Clifton Changfoot (left), and acting chief operations officer Pieter Fourie (right).

Thursday, 2 November 2017 was a proud day for the Council for the Built Environment (CBE), when it received an award for a clean audit opinion for the 2016/17 financial year. In financial speak, a clean audit is achieved through the implementation of sound financial management and internal controls. It relates to the overall performance of the CBE, including compliance with all statutory regulations, rigorous financial management and a sound internal control environment.

In everyday speak it is a moral compass, pointing to the health, wealth and prosperity of an entity, meaning that there is good governance in place, sound management prevails, and that the entity is sustainable.

Mr Clifton Changfoot, chief financial officer at CBE, represented the organisation to receive the award from the Auditor-General South Africa (AGSA). This award for a clean audit opinion alludes to the existence of three elements – teamwork, integrity and consistency – which the CBE demonstrated. It translates into the everyday practice of adhering to policies and procedures, maintaining a work ethic, and the practice of integrity at all levels, at all times.

The CBE achieved its clean audit opinion under the leadership of its Council. Chairperson, Mr Isaac Nkosi was delighted and acknowledged the dedication of both Council membership and the CBE Management and staff in this “commendable achievement.”

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