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Dear Colleagues

We celebrated Mandela month this year under the theme “***do what you can with what you have and where you are.***” As I reflect my thoughts around this year’s theme, what comes to mind is the ability that each person possesses to influence their environment and the lives of others. This has made me realise that building and transforming South Africa to be better for everyone rests with the leadership in the public and private sectors.

One of the famous quotes by Nelson Mandela that resonated with me was that “***The call now is for each of us to ask ourselves: are we doing all we can to help build the country of our dreams?***” Are we really? I am confident that more can be accomplished if we all work together to realise the aspirations of our nation.

CBE's role towards building the country of our dreams

Indeed, different efforts and activities were undertaken to promote sector collaboration during the month of July that reflects the aforementioned. As expected in every quarter, the industry and sector stakeholders were brought together to recalibrate the built environment sector. Our Deputy Minister, Honourable Noxolo Kiviet delivered a keynote address focusing on the imbalances and equity as we deliver on national priority areas. Also, what was exciting was to see the great work

done by the Transformation Collaborative Committees (TCCs) being institutionalised through progress reports on their committee deliverables by the Chairpersons as a drive for transformation in the built environment.

Furthermore, in answering the call, I was able to engage with the Western Cape Provincial Government's Head of the Department of Transport and Public Works and the Strategy, Planning and Coordination Manager to help identify areas of collaboration, mutual learning, partnership in relation to professional development, mentorship, and the structured candidacy programme.

In continuing to foster relations with our sister entity, I was able to attend the Construction Industry Development Board's 12th Postgraduate Conference in East London, under the theme ***“Towards a sustainable construction industry: the role of innovation and digitalisation”***. The objective of the conference was to assist the cidb to create an innovative and digitalised industry needed for a more sustainable construction industry. I could not help but think of how the construction industry was initially declining between 2017 and 2020, compounded with the pandemic induced crash due to hard lockdowns. This initiative is one of the key solutions to the slow recovering industry.

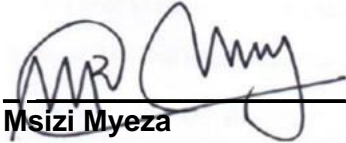
To help realise the required change to build the country of our dreams, I believe that the professionalisation of the built environment in the public sector plays an integral role. To that effect, Myself, Advocate Toto Fiduli and Mr Butcher Matutle (Registrars of SACAP and SACPCMP respectively) signed a Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) with the National School of Government (NSG) represented by the Principal, Professor Busani Ngcaweni. The MoC provides a framework for collaboration and a working relationship between the CBE and NSG to establish and maintain collaborative efforts aimed at enhancing the image of the Built Environment and professionalisation of the public service through promotion of good standards, advocating for professionally registered persons, and protecting the interest of the public.

In this journey there are obstacles and mountains that each of us must overcome, however uncomfortable or difficult. The main lesson learnt is to be honest in all dealings, be true to your country's endeavours to build the country of dreams and the memory of what Nelson Mandela stood for – **forgiveness**. Every South African must forgive, act in the interest of the country and deal ruthlessly with their own agendas and tendency to corrupt.

As I wrap up my thoughts and observations, building the country of our dreams requires a traversal and collaborative commitment from both public and private sectors. My task and that of Council is to ensure that we equip and commit to fulfil the CBE mandate by transforming the Built

Environment, creating skilled Built Environment Professionals, and expediting the empowerment of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities.

Kind regards

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