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The South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions

— CONSTRUCTING NEW PERSPECTIVES —

Media Release:

Construction sector plagued by Intimidation Tactics

Midrand Friday 22 March 2019- The South Africa Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) has strongly condemned all incidences of intimidation and alleged “construction mafia” activity related to projects and construction sites that have plagued the sector with alarming increase as of lately.

In concurrence with the urgent plea for action from the South African Forum of Civil Engineering Contractors (SAFCEC) issued to the Minister of Finance Tito Mboweni, this week, as well as the concerns highlighted by the Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS), the SACPCMP has voiced its concerns on the topic which has heated discussion in the industry.

“Intimidation in any environment is never acceptable, and the threats that have beset our construction sites and projects are deplorable,” said the Registrar of the SACPCMP, Mr. Moroka Isaac Butcher Matutle. “Every day, project construction sites face countless challenges in terms of meeting project deadlines, or ensuring safety and construction quality remains at the highest standards. It is nothing short of a public menace and an outrage to add what can best be described as thuggery to these professional environments.”

“The SACPCMP has been shocked by the extent of reports this week alone pertaining to gun violence, threats, and employees running for their safety, not to mention the billions of Rands lost in damaged, burnt and vandalised property,” added Mr Matutle.

Mr. Matutle continued by saying that, just as every person working on site or involved in a project has the right to safe working conditions, so too does every South African or international guest contractor operating within the sector, have a right to a civilized, professional and non-violent working environment.

“The SACPCMP supports the calls to the Ministry of Police and National Prosecuting Authority, made by sector institutions, to urgently and immediately address the reported criminal ‘gang-related’ activities, to ensure stability within the construction and project management environments.

“The Built Environment contributes stability and growth to the country and as such, its protection and defence is a priority for us, for government and all those seeking the continued success of South Africa as a whole,” said Mr. Matutle.

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Note to Editors

The South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) is empowered by section 18 of Act No. 48 of 2000 to certify, register and regulate the Project and Construction Management Professions.

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