

# TERMS OF REFERENCE: APPOINTMENT OF A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO ADVISE THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF AGRÉMENT SOUTH AFRICA

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## 1. BACKGROUND

Agrément South Africa was established by a Ministerial delegation of Authority in 1969. Since its inception, it has been administered by and housed at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (NDPW&I) has effectively managed the process of creating Agrément South Africa as a juristic person. The Agrément South Africa Bill was tabled before the National Council of Provinces and the National Assembly in Parliament and passed. The Agrément South Africa Act was accented to by the Honourable President of the Republic of South Africa as Act No. 11 of 2015. Agrément South Africa is an independent public entity for the technical assessment and certification of fitness-for-purpose of innovative building and construction products or systems.

Agrément South Africa consults industry experts in discharging its mandate, to advise the Technical Committee of the Board of Agrément South Africa (TECO), on fitness-for-purpose for products and systems for which certification is sought.

Experts invited to TECO are expected to review test reports against minimum performance standards/criteria, as well as the draft certificates and recommend or disapprove certification of the product or system. Approval by TECO shall be by consensus, and subject to ratification by the Board.

All experts will, by participating in TECO, have access to privileged information and therefore are all expected to respect confidentiality of such information and to restrict sharing of internal discussions and working documents, to members of TECO. Experts will be expected to declare any conflict of interest, should there be any, as well as sign non-disclosure agreements.

## 2. EXPERTISE INVITATION

Agrément South Africa extends a call to service providers with Structural Engineering expertise, with experience/understanding of construction, to provide expert advice to TECO, on pending certification of building systems. The expert will be expected to advise whether the draft certificates comply with minimum South African National Standards.

Agrément South Africa remunerates experts, advising TECO, as per National Treasury 2019 Remuneration Levels: Service Benefit Packages for Office Bearers of Certain Statutory and other Institutions (Category A2).

### 3. SCOPE OF WORK & COST IMPLICATIONS

The appointed two (2) experts will be expected to review test reports and draft certificates (prior to the meeting), provide written as well as oral opinion to the meeting, engage in discussions with other experts and members of TECO, and either recommend or reject the draft certificate(s) for approval.

Procurement of a Structural Engineer's services, at a flat rate of R555 per hour for preparations (6 hours preparation payable) and a Meeting sitting fee of R3669, to provide expert advice to TECO

### 4. DELIVERABLES/EXPECTED OUTPUTS

The two (2) experts will be expected to deliver as follows:

- Attend TECO meeting (approximately 3-hour meeting) and discussion
- Submit written comments, on or before date of meeting, to the Board Secretary
- Recommend approval or non-approval of certification

### DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION

- 2 Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Certified copies of qualifications
- Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- CSD Report

### 5. COPYRIGHT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

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