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Dear registered professionals and candidates,

CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Council would like to thank the registered professionals for submitting their CPD points. The submissions have been reviewed and Bernadette Vollmer, the Registrar, will shortly be replying to each registered professional.

A high percentage of compliance has been achieved – far better than most other councils.

In general the forms were completed diligently. From this first five year cycle, lessons have been learnt and a few recommendations have been made for clarification and streamlining purposes. These will be incorporated into an amended streamlined CPD policy that will be circulated before the end of this year. The 2011 submissions will be on this streamlined basis.

SACLAP advises registered professionals to continue accumulating CPD points for submission by the end of May 2011.

NEWS IN BRIEF

REGISTRATION ISSUES

The Registration by Review of Landscape Technologists will commence shortly. This is predominantly for persons with a diploma qualification who qualified prior to 2000. More details will be circulated shortly.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Various Institutions are being invited to an accreditation workshop. The purpose of this is to inform these institutions of the need to be accredited, the benefit of being accredited and the SACLAP process of accreditation. Workshops will be undertaken in Pretoria at the University of Pretoria on 14 September 2010 and in Cape Town on 28 September 2010 at the Cape Institute of Architecture.

COUNCIL MATTERS

Council now has a Registrar that will oversee the day to day running of Council. This would assist in providing a more streamlined service to all registered professionals.

With the appointment of Bernadette Vollmer as Registrar, a vacancy has resulted on Council. The nominations previously received from ILASA (as voluntary association) were scrutinized and a replacement recommendation has been made to the Minister of Public Works. The Minister's appointment is still awaited and as soon as it is made Council will inform the profession.

COUNCIL FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The new CBE Council has been appointed by the Minister of Public Works. The Chairperson is Ms Portia Tau-Sekati nominated by SACPVP and the Vice Chairperson Prof Toko Majozi nominated by ECSA.

Council congratulates Hendrik van der Hoven and Menno Klapwijk on their appointment to the Council for the Built Environment. Hendrik will participate in the Identification of Work and Menno in the EduRes Committee respectively. We wish them all the best in fulfilling these roles.

IDENTIFICATION OF WORK DOCUMENT

The SACLAP draft document is the first to be sent to the Competitions Commission for approval and is being used by the CBE to standardize the documentation of the other councils.

Thank you to all who commented on the amended Identification of Work Document. Subsequent to this draft, further amendments have been requested to address issues of overlap with other professions in the built environment.

It is anticipated that the draft regulations for comment will be circulated within this year and that the regulations will be gazetted early in 2011. This will mean that only registered professional persons may undertake certain work in line with the category of registration.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTISE MATTERS

It has come to SACLAPs attention that practices are misrepresenting themselves and their employees. SACLAP request that all practices please amend their websites, company profiles etc. in terms of the correct use of titles.

Misrepresentation could result in disciplinary actions against such professionals. With the gazetting of the IDoW regulations such misrepresentation will become a serious offence and all professionals and practices should be aware of this.

One is only a landscape architectural professional if registered as such with SACLAP. The abbreviations are as follows:

Professional Landscape Architect	PrLArch
Professional Landscape Technologist	PrLTecho
Professional Landscape Technician	PrLTechni
Professional Landscape Assistant	PrLAssist

One is only a candidate landscape architectural professional if registered as such with SACLAP. The abbreviations are as follows:

Candidate Landscape Architect	CPrLArch
Candidate Landscape Technologist	CPrLTecho
Candidate Landscape Technician	CPrLTechni
Candidate Landscape Assistant	CPrLAssist

Please contact Council should you feel Council can be of assistance to you.

Regards

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