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CODE OF ETHICS

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1. PREFACE

1.1 Definition

Landscape architecture is hereby described as the science, technique and art of ecological, functional and aesthetic planning and design of exterior and open spaces for human use and enjoyment and for environmental conservation and rehabilitation.

1.2 Code of Ethics

The code of ethics is given below.

- 1.2.1 Registered Professionals shall carry out their professional activities, as far as possible, in accordance with emerging principles of sustainable development and the highest standards of environmental protection and in compliance with relevant legislation, including but not restricted to the Landscape Architectural Professions Act, National Environmental Management Act, Environmental Conservation Act, National Environmental Management Act and the Mineral and Energy Act.
- 1.2.2 Registered Professionals shall at all times place the integrity of the Profession and the principles of the South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession, above any commitment to sectional or private interests.
- 1.2.3 Registered Professionals shall promote the incorporation of environmental and landscape design considerations from the earliest stages of project design or policy development.
- 1.2.4 Registered Professionals shall not conduct professional activities in a manner involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation or bias.
- 1.2.5 Registered Professionals shall not advertise or present their services in a self-laudatory manner or in a manner that is derogatory to the dignity of the profession or in a manner that may bring discredit to the profession.
- 1.2.6 Registered Professionals shall, to the best of their ability, keep informed of advances in Landscape Architectural and Environmental Assessment practice, and must integrate such knowledge into their professional activities.
- 1.2.7 Registered Professionals shall inform a prospective client or employer of any professional or personal interests which may impair the objectivity of his/her work.
- 1.2.8 Registered Professionals shall not seek employment, grants or gain, or attempt to injure the reputation or opportunities for employment of another Landscape Architect by false, biased or undocumented claims or accusations, by any other malicious action, or by offers of gifts or favours.
- 1.2.9 Registered Professionals shall, to the best of their ability, use the best available information.
- 1.2.10 Registered Professionals must only undertake particular work in a position of responsible charge where they have the relevant expertise and experience to undertake that work competently.
- 1.2.11 Registered Professionals shall not misrepresent or allow or permit misrepresentation of their own or their associates' academic or professional qualifications nor exaggerate their degree of responsibility for any work of a professional nature.
- 1.2.12 Registered Professionals shall comply with the objectives and the rules of the South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession, and all clauses of the Landscape Architectural Professions Act.