



23 January 2020

Dear SACNASP Registered Scientist,

Identification of Competent Natural Science Geo-Professionals that comply with the requirements of SANS 1936.

The South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) was approached by the National Homebuilders Regulatory Council (NHBC) to assist with the identification of competent geo-professionals that comply with the requirements of SANS 1936. SANS 1936 is the national standard applicable to development of dolomite land. Dolomitic land is itself classified as D1 to D4 with an increasing level of economic and safety risks.

Annexure A of SANS 1936 defines its required competence levels for geo-professionals. SANS 1936 defines different levels of competence in terms of geo-professionals with Level 2 (L2) being the registered professional who “possesses a level of knowledge and experience in keeping with the norms of the professions”. This is the level at which SACNASP starts to register natural scientists. The professionals that can assess “D4 dolomitic terrain” though are termed “L4”.

SACNASP registration does not have stratification of professional membership level by experience as defined in SANS 1936 but SACNASP is eligible to participate in facilitating a resolution. SACNASP currently recommends a solution that empowers the voluntary associations who are specialists in structural and engineering geology, namely the South African Institute of Engineering Geology (SAIEG) and the Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA) (both are SACNASP recognised voluntary associations) to identify competent geo-professionals as defined in SANS 1936. Both voluntary associations have been engaged in this process to date and have been afforded to contribute and engage their members in the process. Comments have also been received from the City of Tshwane an owner, facilitator and developer of this type of land.

The criteria to assess competence can be derived from various sources in addition to the SANS 1936 guidance. The criteria required for the evaluation of competent professionals will be utilized by the panel drawn by SACNASP which will be empowered to make recommendations and nominations for categorization in terms of SANS 1936.

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Applicants interested in pursuing this route are requested to submit a Portfolio of Experience from the 23rd January 2020, to the 15th February 2020 to the SACNASP offices, c/o Landi Jacobs (landi@sacnasp.org.za) and ensure that you receive an acknowledgement of submission. A panel will be convened in the following weeks and assessments will commence soon thereafter.



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Submission Requirements to be included in the Portfolio of Experience# from each applicant

REQUIREMENTS	
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND LEVEL OF APPLICATION	
Covering Letter of Request denoting the applicants request to have their portfolio of experience assessed, including motivation and the Level being applied for*.	
Copy of ID or Passport	
Curriculum Vitae of applicant including biographical information	
Declaration of Authenticity of Submitted Work	
Current Job Description	
Current Position in the Company (use an organogram)	
ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS (certified)	
Copies of Qualifications (certified)	
Copies of Short courses completed relevant to the application (certified)	
EXPERIENCE (chronological order)	
Evidence of relevant experience including Projects completed and Level of Work done	
SACNASP Registration number	
ETHICAL CONDUCT (copy initialed)	
SACNASP Code of Conduct	
Association or Voluntary Association Code of Conduct, Ethics, Practice to which you belong	
INSURANCE (issued or under application)	
Proof of insurance or application for relevant insurance*	
Evidence of Insurance**	
REFERENCES	
References from 1 Qualifying*** Professional	
Supporting Reports from professionals familiar with your work	
INTERVIEWS	
Are you available for an Assessment Interview via one of the following means?	
	In person By Skype/Zoom

copies of which the applicant must retain one and two to be couriered to SACNASP for the assessment

* The Panel will decide on the final qualifying level based on the evidence presented

** If you are operating under a Company or Group Insurance scheme, please provide written confirmation that the insurance will remain in place for the project even after you separate from them, else have own insurance.

*** Not persons currently subordinate to the applicants current or any past positions.