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ECSA COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Dear member,

I am sure that you are all aware of the call for nominations from Registered Persons, VAs and organisations to nominate persons to be appointed to the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA).

We have started looking at the background to the nomination process for the 2020 ECSA Council.

ECSA has appointed the firm '[Election Solutions for Africa](#)' to undertake the process of collecting nominations on their behalf.

From their web page they are a company that provides all types of support or assistance for any type of organization. They indicate that they have extensive experience and secure IT systems, etc.

The process is as follows (www.es4aict1.org.za):

- All persons and organizations (a person on behalf of the organization) wanting to participate as nominators must first register on the system by inserting an RSA ID number and cell phone number.
- Thereafter to nominate a person they must have the RSA ID number and cell phone number of that person to input.
- Once the nominator has done this the system will send that person an SMS to inform them to register.
- Once they have registered the nominator will be able to formally nominate them.

In terms of the rules, a nominator can be an individual, a voluntary association or a prescribed nominating body. A prescribed nominating body is for example a body representing higher education.

The nominees will then have to accept the nomination, provide a short CV and declare that they are eligible. Only registered persons in one of the categories may be nominated (NO candidates) Persons should have expertise and knowledge.

We will follow up with ECSA / Election Solutions for Africa to enquire how a nominator body will know if a person has registered with them.

ECSA policy dictates that they must have at least 2 persons from each category (Pr Eng/Tech Eng/Techni, Cert Eng , Lift Inspectors etc) as well as the 9 engineering disciplines and not to forget race/gender/geographic representation.

We should really encourage the nomination of persons that we feel are right for Council.

Finally the act provides for 10 members of the "public", i.e. non-registered persons. We need to apply our minds and nominate people here who could make a difference, like lawyers who are involved in arbitration or people knowledgeable in the health and safety or labour law fields.

We should also consider nominating knowledgeable people employed in government to cover that field /group too.

Time is short, the nomination process closes on 28 February 2020. Your action, if interested, is required! ECSA Council term is for 4 years so if you miss this one wait another 4 years!

If you wish to apply please advise us with the required information so that we may nominate / support your nomination.

Thanks
IPET Admin.