

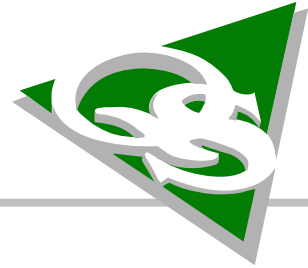
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**REPORT No. 2 TO ASAQS AS AT 19 AUGUST 2010**

**MATTERS RELATING TO GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA  
(GBCSA)**

1. Deen Letchmiah represents the ASAQS on the GBCSA. The first meeting of the New Board was held on 13 October 2009 in Cape Town. The first report submitted to ASAQS provided information on the activities of the GBCSA as at 31 January 2010.
2. The subsequent board meeting of GBCSA was changed from 19 May 2010 due to the Chairperson and CEO being invited to attend a conference titled "Towards a Green Economy Summit" that was held in Johannesburg between 18 to 20 May 2010. The meeting was therefore re-scheduled to 24 May 2010. Unfortunately, Deen was unable to attend due to other commitments on the new date.
3. GBCSA had also presented at the "Green Jobs Summit" with an audience comprising various government bodies and NGO's, which preceded the high level "Green Economy Summit" on the following day. This Summit had been arranged as part of a national strategy to stimulate growth and create jobs by developing the "green economy", and had been addressed by President Zuma and four cabinet ministers. (A copy of his speech can be viewed at: [www.thepresidency.gov.za](http://www.thepresidency.gov.za))
4. Reference was also made to certify government buildings in terms of the Green Star SA ratings. A proposal is to be presented to the Minister of Public Works via the Board of the CIDB, proposing that all new government buildings be required to achieve at least a 4-Star Green Star SA rating, which is to be phased over the next four years. Initially, the proposal is to certify all buildings that will cost more than R50 million.
5. The Chairperson also reported on the UN Habitat funded "Promoting Green Building Rating Systems in Africa" conference and workshop in Nairobi that was attended by some members of the GBCSA. GBCSA had made a number of presentations, and had undertaken at the Conference to support other African Green Building Council (GBC) initiatives and to act as a coordinator for an African Network of GBCs. It was agreed that as the only full member of World GBC in Africa, it was incumbent on GBCSA to play a major role in this regard. Furthermore, professional organisations with linkages to built environment institutions in Africa are encouraged to support this initiative. Following subsequent discussions with the Chairperson, Deen is to engage with ASAQS to "spread the word" with members of the African Association of Quantity Surveyors.





## 6. GBCSA CONFERENCE 2010

The third annual Convention and Exhibition of the GBCSA will be held in Cape Town from 20 to 22 September 2010. ASAQS members should be encouraged to attend this event as Green Buildings are increasingly on the agenda of developers and government departments which therefore provides new opportunities for Quantity Surveyors. This year's program again covers a broad range of issues, from high level global policy developments on climate change, cost modelling, green building strategies and case studies. International Green Building and Sustainability Consultants will be presenting papers at the Conference.

At the Conference, there is likely to be more buildings receiving Green Star SA Certification.

## 7. CURRENT GREEN STAR SA RATING TOOLS:

- Green Star SA – Office V1
- Green Star SA – Retail Centre Pilot

## 8. TECHNICAL UPDATE

### 8.1 Green Star SA Public Building Tool

In-principle approval has been obtained for financial support from the CIDB for the development of this tool. In order to avoid “re-inventing the wheel”, development of this tool would only proceed once the GBCA (Australia) Pilot version had been completed.

### 8.2 Green Star SA Multi-Unit Residential Tool – Project Proposal

The GBCSA Board reviewed the project proposal for the development of this tool and approved this project.

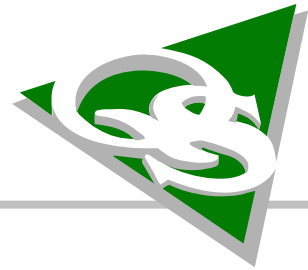
### 8.3 Energy Benchmarking Tool – Project Proposal

The project proposal for this tool, which set out the initial development process, was approved.

## 9. GREEN STAR SA CERTIFICATION

The Green Star SA rating tools facilitate projects to achieve the following ratings:





- 4 Star Green Certified Rating recognises and rewards – “Best Practice”
- 5 Star Green Certified Rating recognises and rewards – “South African Excellence”
- 6 Star Green Certified Rating recognises and rewards – “World Leadership”

## 10. GREEN STAR SA ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL COURSE

The GBCSA course provides practitioners with an understanding of the Green Star SA rating system and the ability to apply Green Star SA tools to projects. The course format is that of an interaction between lecture, questions and answers, case study examples and in-depth exploration of each category and credit in the Green Star SA system. The course emphasizes the necessity of an integrated approach from the consulting team in order to achieve the rating pursued.

The Green Star SA Accredited Professional courses runs regularly in major centres across South Africa. Details of upcoming courses are posted on the GBCSA web page as they become available.

## 11. OTHER MATTERS

- 11.1 World GBC Africa Network (Africa Day) is scheduled for Thursday, 23 September 2010 in Cape Town (the day after the conference).
- 11.2 A new Board will be constituted at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on 07 October 2010.

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