

# PROCSA

Professional Consultants Services Agreement Committee

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Signing of PROCSA Joint Venture Agreement**

#### **“A Significant Achievement”**

It was with great pride and excitement that the PROCSA Joint Venture Agreement was signed by the Constituent Members, being:

South African Property Owners Association (“SAPOA”)

South African Black Technical and Allied Careers Organisation (“SABTACO”)

South African Institute of Architects (“SAIA”)

Consulting Engineers South Africa (“CESA”)

Association of Construction Project Managers (“ACPM”)

Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (“ASAQS”)

African Association of Quantity Surveyors (“AAQS”)

Almost ten years ago, the Property Council of South Africa was formed. The original intention was to replace “SAPOA” with a more encompassing and representative body of all the participants in the Construction Industry. However, due to the lack of cohesion at that time, it was felt that the Voluntary Associations should remain as previously constituted. During this period of contemplation, a Committee was set up to review the Standard Client Consultant Terms of Engagement in an endeavour to standardize these terms of engagement as well as harmonise and integrate the Scope of Services for all of the Professionals engaged in the Construction Industry. To this end a Committee was formed which has been perpetuated by the efforts and input of the Constituent Members above. This was a tremendous challenge and PROCSA has finally managed to publish a harmonized, common, terms of engagement for all Professionals working on construction projects. These documents deal with the relationship between the Client and the Consultant identifying both the Principal Consultant responsible for the management and administration of the efforts of the Design Consultants, and the Principal Agent, being the party responsible for the management and administration of the Contractors

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Association of Construction Project Managers represented by Mr. C. Israelite and Mr. N. Graham  
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Consulting Engineers South Africa represented by Mr. J. Pretorius, Mr. A. Taute and Mr. M. du Plooy  
South African Black Technical and Allied Careers Organisation represented by Mr. P. Kgole and Mr. S.S. Semenya  
South African Institute of Architects represented by Mr. S.H. Segal and Mr. I. Alexander  
South African Property Owners Association represented by Mr. K. Thamburan and Mr. T. Shilubane

as appointed. This documentation then also facilitates the appointment of the other Consultants who would be seen in a support role providing specialist Consulting input and design as required for the project. This is of particular significance in Multi Disciplinary and Multi Procurement type projects, where in excess of ten or twelve Consultants may be appointed, and a Principal Contractor, with up to 100 or more specialist subcontracts are employed. The documentation facilitates both simple and complex projects and is particularly appropriate for large and major projects, however, is also useable for smaller projects as required. To date, Annexures have been devised for the following core Consultants:-

1. Project Manager (incorporating Principal Consultant and Principal Agent)
2. Architect
3. Engineers'
  - 3.1. Civil Engineer
  - 3.2. Structural Engineer
  - 3.3. Electrical Engineer
  - 3.4. Mechanical Engineer
4. Quantity Surveyor
5. Principal Agent – Stand alone.

These documents have been constituted in such a way that they are useable internationally and not only applicable to South Africa, therefore, are being utilized throughout Africa as well and could be used in any other country in the World.

The writing style and presentation has been based on the successful style and presentation utilized by the JBCC for the Principal Building Agreement, wherein the terms defined in the document have been committed to “bold print” in order to ensure no misunderstanding in the meaning and intent of the documentation. These documents have been utilized and tested since March 2006, with the first formal publication implemented in April 2008. An up to date version of the document was concluded in August 2009, and this document is available now in both “hard copy” and “soft copy” through any one of the above Constituent Organisations, or available on-line through the “PROCSA” website, using the facilities of “Contracts on Demand’s” new division of PROCSA Electronic Services (“PES”).

This is a tremendous step forward in the harmonization of the roles and responsibilities that Professional Consultants are required to play in the process of development of our new and vibrant Country. We look forward to a successful utilization of the documentation. A special recognition and thanks goes to Tom MacDonald of Du Toit MacDonald, the Legal Consultants utilized to assist in the ratification of the legal efficacy of this document.

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Documents are available from all Constituent Members and also directly from the PROCSA Website, [www.procsa.co.za](http://www.procsa.co.za)