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Report on the fourth quarter of the 2016/2017 financial year

Dear **SACLAP Registered Professionals, Candidates, Students and Stakeholders,**

SACLAP trusts that this finds you well and brings you the latest update on the various mandates of the Council.

1. COUNCIL AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Some of the key activities that took place in the final quarter of the 2016/2017 financial year include:

1.1 Strategic Planning for the next 5 years

SACLAP awaits feedback on the document that was submitted to the DPW at the beginning of November 2016. This document is important as it informs the way forward of the Council as it included the implementation of the Sustainability Plan and motivated for an increase in the funding.

1.2 Important milestones achieved since the previous Quarter

- The **Landscape Management Profession's categories of registration** were established and the 'grandfathers' / industry peers as nominated by SALI and IERM were approved by SACLAP. See Section 1.4 for more detail.
- The **Professional Registration Assessment Process** of 2017 was officially opened.
- The third **CBE Quarterly Report** was submitted early in January 2017.
- The **Rules for the Nomination Process** were gazetted for Implementation in December and the process kicked off on 3 February 2017.
- The **Accreditation Review Panels** for the UP and UCT undertook the visits to the two Institutions and the programmes were accredited without condition.

1.3 Work under way in the first quarter of the 2017/2018 financial year

- The **Annual Performance Plan** is in the process of being drafted. The 2016/2017 plan will be finalised shortly.
- The fourth **CBE Quarterly Report** will be submitted to the CBE now in April 2017 and sets out the SACLAP's compliance to the mandates as per the Landscape Architectural Profession Act, Act 45 of 2000.

- The **Nomination Process for a New Council** is in the process of being concluded with the nominations having closed on 3 April 2017. Thank you to all those that agreed to serve on the Council. We anticipate the appointment of the new Council prior to the end of August 2017.

1.4 Landscape Management Industry Peer confirmations

SACLAP undertook the process of identifying, with the help of SALI and the IERM, the landscape management industry peers (“grandfathers”) that became the first registered Professional Landscape Managers. These professionals will form the first Registration Committee for the Landscape Management Profession and can act as mentors to the candidates.

SACLAP congratulates the following newly registered Professional Landscape Managers:

Gauteng	Western Cape	Kwa Zulu Natal	Limpopo Mpumalanga Eastern Cape
Deighton Clegg Jonathan Ferguson Oscar Lockwood Ida-Marie Strydom Willie Nel Elize van Staden Jimmy Hendrick	Eric Cherry Alan Dawson Colin de Wet Redewaan Isaacs Reginald Mayman Richard Morris Deon van Eeden Jacques Cedras	Doreen Aucamp Marcus Govender Ryan Pembroke Terry van der Riet	Edward Hutamo Michael Leech Aubrey Madamalala

2. REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Register the SACLAP will be updated in due course and the changes are to include the Landscape Management Profession, The database is updated as and when required. It is “live” on our website.

2.1 Workshops in 2017 for the Landscape Architectural Mentors and Candidates

2.1.1 Landscape Architectural Mentor Workshops in 2017

SACLAP will host a series of workshops for the landscape architectural mentors. Mentors are to attend at one of the dates provided. The purpose of this **compulsory workshop** is to update all on the amended process, as well as the requirements and deliverables that SACLAP expects from the mentors. A fee, that is to be determined, will be charged for these workshops and it will be accredited for CPD. The workshops planned as follows and venues will be confirmed timeously:

- **27 January 2017 in Kwa Zulu Natal – new date to be advised**
- **10 February 2017 in Gauteng – new date to be advised**
- **23 February 2017 in Cape Town – successfully undertaken**
- **9 June 2017 in Gauteng**
- **23 June 2017 in Cape Town**

The feedback from the workshop already undertaken in Cape Town was very positive and all are encouraged to participate in the upcoming events.

A mentor is a person that is registered professionally with SACLAP in any given category that undertakes the responsibility of assisting a candidate with his/her further development towards becoming a registered professional. For more information on Mentors, please refer to the Registration Policy of November 2016. **Anyone that mentors currently or intends to mentor a candidate is to attend.** Similar workshops will be arranged for Landscape Management Mentors in due course.

2.1.2 Candidate Workshops – 6 May 2017 in Cape Town and Gauteng

Please note that SACLAP has taken a decision to once more sponsor the candidate workshop in order to facilitate the effective registration of candidates. **It is important to note that the compulsory candidate workshop is offered at no cost to you.** This may not be a given in future and candidates are motivated to make use of the opportunity.

There will be two candidate workshops held simultaneously on the **6 May 2017 in Cape Town and Gauteng.** The **FREE** workshop is compulsory for those who are undertaking the SACLAP Professional Registration Assessment in 2017 but all candidates are encouraged to attend this workshop sooner than later. The purpose of the workshop is to:

- Brief all Candidates on the Registration Policy, the addendum and new Weighted Core Competency Table for the Landscape Architectural Professions as gazetted for implementation on the 4 November 2016,
- Provide more information on the amended Professional Registration Assessment Process which commenced in May 2016, and
- Address any query/ies on the requirements and criteria for Sections 1 - 3 of the Professional Registration Assessment process.
- Disseminate the Section 2 Project Profile Checklist and the Section 3 assignment (if possible).

More detail on the confirmed venues on the workshops will follow in a mailer timeously.

2.2 Professional Registration Assessment Process for 2017 – Landscape Architectural Profession

All candidates undertaking the Professional Registration Assessment for 2017 will be assessed on the Registration Policy of November 2014 and the Core Competency Table of August 2011. Thereafter the revised Registration Policy and Weighted Core Competency Table for the Landscape Architectural Profession, gazetted on the 4th of November 2016 will apply.

The dates for the various section submissions are as follows:

- Section 1 – Professional Practice Examination (only one written exam) – **3 June 2017** in Gauteng and Cape Town.
- Section 2 – Landscape Design – **30 June 2017** is the due date for submission of the relevant project profile. The details of which will be distributed at the Candidate Workshop.
- Section 3 – Environmental Planning – **28 July 2017** is the due date for the submission of the assignment. The details of which will be distributed as soon as possible after the Candidate Workshop.

2.3 Workshop for the Landscape Management Professions

SACLAP will embark on a series of workshops for the Landscape Management Profession. The purpose of the first workshop will be to explain the registration process, registration requirements and deadlines for submissions. The sessions are planned as follows and details will be confirmed timeously:

- **26 January 2017 in Kwa Zulu Natal – new date awaited**

- **16 March 2017 in Gauteng - successfully undertaken**
- **23 February 2017 in Western Cape - successfully undertaken**

To benefit from the session you are encouraged to work through the Registration Policy, Landscape Management Addendum and the Weighted Core Competency Table for the Landscape Management Profession prior to the session. You are encouraged to bring along a certified copy of your ID, certified copies of your qualifications and an updated CV to submit with the application form at the workshops. However, please note that electronic copies of applications and supporting documents will also need to be forwarded to the Registrar at Registrar@saclap.org.za.

2.4 Opening of the Recognition of Prior Learning Process for the Landscape Management Profession

The SACLAP is excited to announce that the **Recognition of Prior Learning Process has been opened for the Landscape Management Profession**. Submissions are to be made to the Registrar's Office in line with the detailed requirements set out in the Addendum for the Landscape Management Profession that is to be read in conjunction with the Registration Policy of SACLAP. **The submissions are to be delivered to the Registrar's office at 178 Standard Dr no later than 31 May 2017**. The Registration Committee for the Landscape Management Profession will be established in the interim and interviews are anticipated to take place in July 2017. The aim is to announce the outcome by the end of August 2017.

2.5 Free Student Registration

SACLAP continues to register students (at no cost to the student), who are currently completing their studies in Landscape Architecture and Landscape Technology or other programmes relating to the professions. This allows students to remain up to date on SACLAP matters and in preparation for entry to the professional realm. Should you be interested and in need of an application form, visit the website on www.saclap.org.za and click on the download section.

3. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

3.1 Code of Practice and Fee Protocol

The intention was to review these important documents in the fourth quarter of this financial year (January to March 2017), unfortunately this deliverable has not been reached due to capacity within the Registrar's Office. If anyone is available to assist, please contact the Registrar's Office – I have had no takers as yet.

3.2 Continued Professional Development (CPD) 2017 for the Landscape Architectural Profession

The Registrar's Office has been in contact with all the individuals that are due for a renewal of registration in 2017. The deadline for submission was **31 March 2017**. A reminder to those that have not submitted that you stand the risk of being suspended until this is received.

In terms of the **Revised CPD Policy gazetted on 6 May 2016, annual submissions** are to be made as from 2017 as per the transitional arrangements (Section 7.7 in the relevant Policy). The updated template and ILASA CPD activity list was recently circulated and have been uploaded onto the website on the download page under the Professional Practice heading. The submission is to include CPD activities undertaken between 1 April 2015 and March 2017 – i.e. it is for these two years. The deadline for submission has been extended to **31 May 2017**. Submissions are to be emailed to the Registrar (registrar@saclap.org.za).

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

4.1 Financial Sustainability of SACLAP

As stated above the necessary documentation was submitted to the DPW early in November 2016. Feedback was received this week that the additional funding for 2017/2018 cannot be made available at this stage, however the R120 000.00 already committed to SACLAP will be transferred accordingly. This is putting some strain on the financial liquidity of the Council, and SACLAP is in the process of refining the budget for the 2017 / 2018 financial year.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

5.1 Academic Forum Matters

The last meeting took place on the 14th of March 2017. Any information related to the Forum can be made available on request. The purpose of this forum is to open channels of communication between the various academic Institutions and facilitate the inclusion of the academic feeder programmes for the Landscape Management Professions, in the accreditation programme of SACLAP.

5.2 Accreditation Visits

Thank you to the Institutions and the Accreditation Review Panels that prepared and undertook the visits. The time and effort that goes into this process is acknowledged and appreciated by SACLAP.

1. University of Pretoria Review in 2017

The Accreditation Review Panel, appointed by the SACLAP undertook the Accreditation visit to the UP, which took place from 27 February to 1 March 2017. The programmes reviewed were the BSc (LArch) NQF 7, BL (Hons) NQF 8, and MLA (Prof) NQF 9. The three programmes were awarded an “accredited – without condition” status.

2. University of Cape Town Review in 2017

The Accreditation Review Panel, appointed by the SACLAP undertook the Accreditation visit to the UCT from 9 - 10 March 2017. The programmes that were reviewed are the MLA Professional NQF 9, as well as the new programmes, that are to be introduced to replace the existing MLA, namely the BLA (Hons) NQF 8 (1 year) and MLA (1 year) NQF 9.

The existing programme was awarded an “accredited – without condition” status and the new programmes are “provisionally accredited” based on the programme design as there is no outcome to evaluate the programme on as yet.

3. Tshwane University of Technology in 2017

The TUT visit is anticipated to take place in April 2018.

4. UNISA

A keen interest has been expressed by the relevant Department and the proposed timing of the visit is awaited.

6. GENERAL

6.1 Council matters

Mr Barend Smit advised SACLAP that he is no longer able to fulfil his role as President of the Council due to his work situation outside of South Africa currently. In line with Section 7(2) of the Landscape Architectural Professions Act, Mr Thabo Munyai, the Vice President of SACLAP agreed to fulfil the role of and undertake the duties of the President for the remainder of this Council’s term. Thank you

Barend for your hard work and dedication over the years as President. Many thanks Thabo for being willing to fulfil this function until the appointment of the new Council.

6.2 Registrar's Office

The Registrar's Office is currently functioning without an assistant to the Registrar. The position will be advertised as soon as possible. If things are a little slower than usual, please bear with the Registrar, she will respond to you as soon as possible.

SACLAP reminds you to please contact the Registrar at registrar@saclap.org.za for additional queries and comments on matters affecting the landscape professions.

Yours sincerely

Thabo Munyai (Vice President)