

## *The South African Geomatics Council*

Established in terms of Act 19 of 2013

### **SAGC Circular 1 of 2016**

The inaugural meeting of the South African Geomatics Council took place on 15 April 2016. Thus, the South African Council for Professional and Technical Surveyors was superseded by this Act.

The purpose of the Geomatics Profession Act is to provide for the transformation of the geomatics profession;

- to provide for the facilitation of accessibility to the geomatics profession;
- to provide for different categories of registered persons and branches in the geomatics profession;
- to provide for the identification of areas of work to be performed by the different categories of registered persons;
- to provide for the recognition of certain voluntary associations by the Council;
- to provide for measures designed to protect the public from unethical geomatics practices;
- to provide for measures in order to maintain a high standard of professional conduct and integrity;
- to provide for the establishment of disciplinary mechanisms;
- to provide for the establishment of an appeal board and to provide for matters connected therewith

New Council members were appointed by the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, of which its Section 4(2) and 7(a) of the Act 5 members and 5 alternate members from the Plato Council have been appointed onto the SAGC (South African Geomatics Council) for continuity for the first term of the Council. A copy of the South African Geomatics Act can be downloaded from the Plato website.

During the inaugural meeting the Council has constituted a task teams comprising of main members of the Council representing the voluntary associations, public interest as well as the State to make rules in respect of the manner in which any person must apply for registration and the qualifications necessary for such registration.

The SAGC is required to have drawn up rules within 90 days from the date of the meeting.

Graphic Artists have been approached to design a new logo/coat of arms for future use by the South African Geomatics Council. It will be necessary to change the designated appointed bank account holder, however, members will be informed when this has been completed. In the meantime payments are still accepted in the name of the SA Council for Surveyors or Plato.

In terms of Section 37(4) and (5) of the SAGC Act you are urged to continue to pay your annual fees. Invoices were mailed or emailed during March. Further statements reflecting outstanding fees or receipts for payment were mailed in May. The deadline for receipt of payment remains as previously on 30 JUNE. Banking details remain unchanged.

Persons are encouraged to continue with registration and existing members will continue to be registered in the branch in which they are currently registered. Section 37 (5) of *the Act* states that the transitional provisions make any act performed, decision taken or rule made, or purported to have been so performed, taken or made in terms of the Surveyors' Act remain valid if it is not inconsistent with any provision of this *Act*.....



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