

## HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Valued Stakeholder,

2022 is drawing to a close, and with it came a few changes in the leadership structure of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECOSA). At Council level, Refilwe Buthelezi Pr Eng and TC Madikane Pr Eng were elected President and Vice President of the ECOSA Sixth Term Council respectively.

A month ago, I was appointed the new Chief Executive Officer, and I come in wearing two hats one being that of a Registered Person and the other a leader of the organisation set on steering a ship that should be of good service to both internal and external stakeholders.

I recognise the great task set before me of collaborating with industry peers to ensure we regulate the profession effectively, providing guidance to the ECOSA Staff Members, encouraging a heightened sense of customer centricity, as well as protecting the profession that our members are serving in, through policies such as the Identification of the Engineering Work.

These as well as the additional responsibilities I bear, are key to the positioning of the ECOSA brand globally, the quality of service offering to its stakeholders and the value proposition to registered, de-registered as well as potential registered candidate and professional engineers. Adjacent to this, I also acknowledge the great work done by my predecessors, who have led the organisation and achieved great milestones in this calendar year including convening the first Annual General Meeting, obtaining an unqualified audit opinion, solidifying our footprint on the global and African continent as well as continuing to fulfil the mandate of the organisation as prescribed by the Engineering Professions Act 2000 (Act 46 of 2000).

I therefore, look forward to the new year, the great work that will be commissioned by the organisation, the roles we will be rendering on the African continent including hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> African Engineering Week and the local and global partnerships we will be cementing for the effective regulation of the profession.

I would like to sincerely thank all ECOSA stakeholders, the Management Team, and staff members for your partnership and support. I wish you all a safe holiday season and warmest wishes to you and your loved ones.

We will be closing for our annual shutdown on Thursday, 15 December 2022 and we will re-open on Wednesday, 11 January 2023.

Be well and stay safe.

Dr Bridget Ssamula  
Chief Executive Officer