

## **ECOSA Mourns the Passing of Engineering Giant: Rod Harker**

The Engineering Council of South Africa on Tuesday, 02 May 2023, learned of the saddened passing of engineering giant, Mr Rod Harker.

Mr Harker rendered a significant role in the engineering profession through the mentorship he provided to the industry through his teachings, trainings, and wealth of knowledge he carried and shared.

For ECOSA Mr Harker served on various committees with due diligence contributing to the policies and standards developed for the regulation of the engineering profession, he led accreditation visits both locally and internationally, he was heavily involved in the accreditation of engineering programmes as well as the process of evaluating qualifications.

Engineer Harker was an advocate for professional registration with ECOSA, he under many occasions, facilitated the Road to Registration Workshops to raise awareness and encourage practicing engineers to become professional.

He participated in the peer review system of ECOSA as an assessor, moderator and reviewer and did so with a servant attitude sharing the vast knowledge he carried towards the advancement of the profession.

Engineer Harker remained loyal and dedicated to the engineering profession until the very end. He worked with passion, integrity, and energy. Our sorrow is lessened only slightly with the comforting thought that we had the privilege to know him. This sentiment is carried by a quote by Nishan Panwar who said, "We are all stories in the end, remembered by the adventures we had, the achievements we made and the people we loved. So, make sure your story is a good one."

On behalf of ECOSA and the engineering profession, we wish to express our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

**May his soul rest in peace.**