



## ECSA PAYS TRIBUTE TO JOHAN de KOKER Pr Tech Eng

The Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) is saddened by the passing and loss of an extraordinary Professional Engineering Technologist, and a man of steely determination in the engineering fraternity, Mr Johan de Koker Pr Tech Eng.

Mr de Koker has served the engineering fraternity in various roles including structuring a railway career at TRANSNET from bursary student to Chief Engineering Technologist, where he earned an international acclaim.

He was appointed the Head of Department (HOD) of Civil Engineering Technology at the University of Johannesburg and later appointed in the role Director of Energy Research from 2007 to 2017.

Mr de Koker served as President of Institute of Professional Engineering Technologists (IPET) between 1994 and 2000, and President of the South African Institute of Civil Engineering (SAICE) in 2008, and upon his time of passing he was still serving on the councils of both these organisations.

His contribution to the Engineering Council of South Africa and regulation of the profession in South Africa entailed him serving on the ECSA Registration Committee for Professional Engineering Technologists, the Educational Advisory Committee from 1991 to 2015, chaired the ECSA Committee that developed and implemented CPD, and was ECSA Council Member.

He has served on advisory committees for the University of Johannesburg and the Tshwane University of Technology.

We will remember him for his ability to blend academic knowledge with practical experience which made him a unique specialist in his field of Sustainable Engineering & Energy Technology and Research having published over 50 journal and conference papers on technical and engineering professional subjects.

Upon his time of passing Mr de Koker was the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute of Professional Engineering Technologists.

The fraternity at large will forever be grateful to Mr de Koker for being such a great teacher, an amazing human being and for his sterling contribution to the sector.

Our heartfelt condolences to the de Koker family, friends, and engineering fraternity at large on such a profound loss, but nonetheless a life so beautifully lived.