



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **ECOSA APPOINTS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

After an extensive search and recruitment process, the Engineering Council of South Africa's (ECOSA) Sixth Term Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Bridget Ssamula as Chief Executive Officer of ECOSA effective 01 November 2022.

Her appointment with ECOSA, follows her career with AECOM, since 2013 where she progressed from Executive, Aviation and Rail Market Sector Lead in South Africa to Managing Director of Uganda and East Africa and currently Senior Director for AECOM USA Key accounts and Cities.

She holds an MBA in Aviation management, a PhD, and MEng in Transport Engineering, as well as a BSc in Civil Engineering.

Dr Ssamula is a registered Professional Engineer with ECOSA and brings to the organisation a wealth of experience in academia, research, and industry, spanning over 23 years in the Built Environment sector. She has participated in various industry forums in South Africa, worked with various stakeholders in multiple portfolios she has held, both in the public and private sectors.

In addition, she has served on boards for over 15 years as a Non- Executive Director for various organisations namely, Mayibuye Transport Corporation, Air Traffic Navigation Services, and South African Express Airways. She has further served as an Industry Advisory Board member for the University of Pretoria in the Department of Civil Engineering where she was also a senior lecturer. She has won numerous industry awards and recognitions and is the author of a variety of peer reviewed conference papers, technical papers, and mainstream articles.

Dr Ssamula takes over from Mr Edmund Nxumalo, whose term as Interim CEO comes to an end on 31 October 2022, and Council would like to thank Mr Nxumalo for his sterling leadership of ECOSA during his tenure.

Council looks forward to new insights and is confident of the leadership to be provided by Dr Ssamula as ECOSA continues its trajectory of regulating the engineering sector assuring engineering excellence.

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