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## ISO 9001:2000 RE-CERTIFICATION FOR SAACE

The South African Association of Consulting Engineers (SAACE) is proud to announce that it has once again been audited by DEKRA and is pleased to report that the organisation has retained its ISO 9001:2000 certification.

SAACE first received ISO 9001:2000 certification in April 2004 valid for three years with an annual surveillance audit carried out over that period. After the three-year period the Association had to go through the full on-site audit again to remain certified. This was successfully completed in April 2007 and once again successfully in April this year.

Graham Pirie, CEO of SAACE, states that it is critical that the Association maintains a set of minimum requirements encompassing all areas of the organisation in order to maintain certification. He states that, "It is thanks to our staff and their input during our bi-weekly quality meetings that has enabled us to maintain our ISO rating. It has changed the way in which we manage our business and has had a beneficial effect on the manner in which we are able to satisfy the needs of our members".

One of the requirements of being a member of the Association is that member companies must have an ISO-based quality management system in place although at this stage the Association does not require companies to be ISO certified. This is in response to clients like the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) increasingly requiring their service providers to have a quality management system in place as a condition of tendering. In addition to this, once the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) register is in place, it is hoped this will be one of the criteria for registration.

The Association will gladly assist member companies with the process of implementing a quality management system within their organisation.

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