



06 April 2016

To whom it may concern

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO BE APPOINTED AS AN ASSESSOR BY THE BOARD OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (EAPASA)**

Background

A key component of the environmental sector's drive to improve the quality of environmental assessment practiced in South Africa is promoting and maintaining the registration of Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs), consistent with the requirements of Section 24H of the National Environmental Management Act, Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA).

The establishment of the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa (EAPASA) in 2011 was a key step towards this goal. The Minister of Environmental Affairs is in the process of promulgating the Section 24H Registration Authority Regulations (Section 24H Regulations). This will enable the EAPASA Board (the Board) to apply to the Minister to be appointed as the Registration Authority for EAPs. Once the Registration Authority has been appointed by the Minister, both practitioners involved in compiling Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and Environmental Management Programme Reports (EMPrs) and officials reviewing EIAs and EMPrs will be required to register within a timeframe that will be determined by the Minister.

In anticipation of being appointed by the Minister as the Registration Authority, the Board is in the process of readying itself to be able to register EAPs. One of the challenges is that the Board needs sufficient human resources to deal with the anticipated influx of applications within the legislated timeframe of 120 days,¹ the time allowed within which to make a decision on an applicant.

To deal with this challenge, the Board is inviting experienced practitioners to express their interest in assisting the Board with the registration of EAPs. A person expressing their interest must be registrable by meeting the core competencies² and have at least 10 years' experience in environmental impact management (i.e. conducting EIAs or the review thereof). Once accepted by the Board for appointment as an assessor, successful applicants will be informed and will be registered by the Board as a priority as soon as the registration of EAPs becomes a mandatory

¹ See regulation 16(3) of the Section 24H Regulations issued in terms of NEMA

² The Core Competencies associated with the exit level outcomes and associated assessment criteria in the Qualification Standard for Environmental Assessment Practice can be viewed on the EAPASA website in the Guideline Manual for Applicants.

requirement. Once registered as an EAP, assessors will receive training on the application of principles of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) as it applies to the registration of EAPs, after which the Board will appoint the person as an assessor.

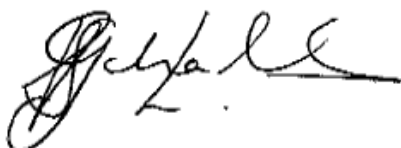
An assessor -

- will be required to assist the Board with the assessment of applications and registration of EAPs, working in teams of two to collectively assess and finalise an application for registration;
- will be remunerated at a fixed rate of R500 for the assessment of an application for registration;
- will be required to assess at least two applications per week during periods when high volumes of applications are received; and
- will be appointed for a period of two years to assist the Board with the registration of EAPs with the possibility of extending the period for an additional two years; and
- will commence with his/her duties once his/her registration as an EAP is confirmed and RPL assessor training has been successfully completed.

Expressions of Interest should be forwarded to Carmen du Toit at carmen.dutoit@eapasa.org by 29 April 2016 and must include a current resume and a cover letter outlining your interest in the role and your skills, attributes and experience as relevant to the duties of an Assessor. Should the Board regard it necessary, telephonic interviews may be held with the applicants to further discuss their Expression of Interest.

All Expressions of Interest must be submitted by 16h00 on 29 April 2016.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerrie van Schalkwyk', with a stylized, flowing script.

Mr Gerrie van Schalkwyk

Chairperson of the EAPASA Board