

# THE MVULA TRUST

**CESA: LIMPOPO BRANCH PRESIDENTIAL VISIT**

**Intervention to drive Constructive and  
Sustainable Transformation**

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# WHAT WE DO

- The Mvula Trust is South Africa's leading and largest Water and Sanitation NGO established in 1993.
- The Mvula Trust became the official Implementing Agent to the Reconstruction and Development Plan (RDP) in 1995 for water, sanitation and related services.
- The Mvula Trust has been an Implementing Agent for the government of South Africa, providing support to all three spheres of government.
- Our undeviating industry position has and continues to transform and empower South Africans through sustainable rural development and incomparable industry leadership.

# OUR CORE BUSINESS

We offer specialised, focused to intensive services for developing and implementing services capacity within the Water and Sanitation Sector

- Project Management
- Training and Capacity Building

# OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CESA

- Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) aims to be the 'Voice of Consulting Engineering in South Africa'.
- Voluntary association and represents for its members a body that promotes their joint interests and because of its standing, provides quality assurance for clients.
- Over 540 firms employing over 24 300 staff are members of CESA; these member firms range from large, multinational, multidisciplinary suppliers of a comprehensive range of planning, design and project delivery services, to many small to medium sized firms that tend to specialise in selected areas of the project delivery processes

# OUR UNDERSTANDING OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS

- Designers that create the large scale infrastructure projects that employ large numbers of people during the construction, operation and maintenance phases of infrastructure.
- Key stakeholders, well positioned to assist the Government to achieve on the plan to grow the economy and triple GDP by 2030 through infrastructure development
- Independent advisers to clients on the most suitable approaches, methodologies and solutions to infrastructure projects within the constraints imposed by the natural and socio-economic environment –
- **TRUSTED ADVISOR ON INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

# CESA'S CONSISTENCY IN HIGHLIGHTING CHALLENGES FACING SA ECONOMY AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- ❑ Naren Bhojaram, CESA Past President, in his 2013 theme “Sustainability is Everyone’s Business” identified five key sustainability indicators for South Africa. These being:
  - Education,
  - Economic and political certainty,
  - Job creation,
  - Eradication of corruption, and
  - Responsible development
  
- ❑ 2014 Presidential Theme “Sustaining Consulting Engineering is Key to Growing the Economy” was built on previous year’s theme and further defines consulting engineering as an essential service without which infrastructural and economic development will at best falter, and at worst, not meet the needs of our developing economy.

# INTERVENTIONS TO DRIVE REAL AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION

- ❑ As TMT, we believe that the “interventions to drive real and sustainable transformation is indeed everyone’s business” all key stakeholders in the public and private sector must play their part.
- ❑ South African economy is currently in a technical recession, which occurs when the national economy shrinks for two quarters in a row.
- ❑ Economist Glen Steyn from Glen Steyn and Associates indicated that the sector that contracted the most is trade, catering and accommodation.
- ❑ Madam President, we concur that Consulting Engineering is Key to Growing the Economy as an essential service without which infrastructural and economic development will at best falter, and at worst, not meet the needs of our developing economy as stated by Abe Thela, CESA past president.
- ❑ One of CESA’s key focus area is to Build Partnerships with Government and other Stakeholders

## TMT'S COMMITMENT TO INTERVENTIONS TO DRIVE REAL AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION

- Education – Work with Engineering firms to bring appropriate and sustainable solutions through infrastructure projects,
- Economic and political certainty – Collaborate together on projects and programmes that will contribute to economic growth
- Job creation – Work together in developing the Engineering skill and potential within our country (appropriate models for this critical)
- Eradication of corruption – Develop mechanisms to avert corruption in our area of discipline and ensure that we have and we associate only with ethical business and individuals in our mix
- Responsible development – Make individual and collective effort to development in all its forms

# Conclusions

- TMT uses and needs capacity developed within the Engineering sector and is willing to participate in the programmes identified by CESA
- Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) the ‘Voice of Consulting Engineering in South Africa’ should be louder with a recognisable voice from “all partners”

