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Dear Dr Dlamini,

Call for the Built-Environment Professions (BEPs) to volunteer assistance with KZN Disaster infrastructure remedial efforts

Your letter of even date addressed to the Built Environment Professions Councils to forward to their registered members, has reference.

Built Environment Professions South Africa (BEPESA) is an overarching voluntary association comprising the following built-environment professional voluntary associations that represent professionals in the construction and related Industries and aims to act as the collective voice in matters affecting them.

- **ACHASM:** Association of Construction Health and Safety Management
- **ACPM:** Association of Construction Project Managers
- **ASAQS:** Association of South African Quantity Surveyors
- **CESA:** Consulting Engineers South Africa
- **ILASA:** Institute for Landscape Architecture in South Africa
- **SABTACO:** South African Black Technical & Allied Careers Organisation
- **SAGI:** South African Geomatics Institute
- **SAIA:** South African Institute of Architects

Members of the built environment professions have received letters from various councils and multiple parties, as attached, calling for volunteers to assist government with infrastructure damage due to the recent KZN

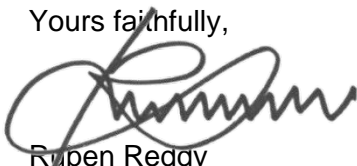
floods. This is indicative of uncoordinated and duplicated initiatives that will result in confusion and lack of progress in achieving the repair of damaged infrastructure.

We note with concern the four items listed which invites consultants to provide services on a pro bono basis to assess, design, and package remedial projects for damaged infrastructure. Our members cannot take professional responsibility for the complex solutions being sought to undertake this mammoth task and it would be irresponsible of both professionals and the State to restore and rebuild destroyed public infrastructure assets, in this manner.

We urgently call for a meeting with the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Provincial and Local Government Stakeholders, all the Built Environment Councils and the Voluntary Associations, many of whom are our members, to jointly find solutions to address this program. This coordinated effort would prevent wasteful and fruitless expenditure by the state. Your assistance in arranging such a meeting and cooperation will be highly appreciated.

We await your response hereto.

Yours faithfully,



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