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To whom it may concern.

EXTENSION OF SAQCC CERTIFICATION VALIDITY PERIOD - COVID-19

Due to the exceptional circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, SAIW Certification, the ISO 17024 SANAS accredited Personnel Certification Body issuing the following SAQCC Certificates:

- SAQCC-NDT certificates in accordance with ISO 9712
- SAQCC-CP certificates
- SAQCC-IPE certificates

Has implemented the following mitigating actions:

- 1) The expiry dates for all certificates expiring during the period 1 March to 31 August 2020 shall be extended until 30 September 2020.
(Individuals whose certificate expires between 31 August and 30 September would be able to apply as per normal and therefor need not be extended)
- 2) This extension is granted to allow individuals to renew their certificates or to recertify following the upliftment of the national lockdown. While we are hopeful that a one-time extension would be appropriate, constant monitoring of the unfolding situation shall be performed by the relevant certification committees and updates provided as and when required.
- 3) The extension will be applied automatically and there is no requirement for application.
- 4) The national SAQCC Certification register shall be updated to reflect the following expiry date '2020/09/31 (COVID-19 Extension)' for those individuals affected.

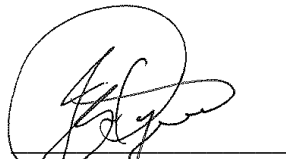
- 5) The normal certification terms and conditions shall apply during this period and individuals are encouraged to apply for renewal / recertification months prior to the relevant expiry date.
- 6) Individuals having to renew via document submission are welcome to submit their application, together with supporting documentation, to CERT@saiw.co.za. The applications shall be processed as normal, with renewed certificates issued during the period of 1 to 30 September 2020.
- 7) Individuals having to recertify via examination are welcome to submit their application, together with supporting documentation, to CERT@saiw.co.za. Suitable examination dates shall be allocated and confirmed for the period 1 to 30 September 2020. SAIW Certification shall prioritise these examination papers and undertakes to grade papers before end September 2020 in order to facilitate the normal recertification process and to issue certificates no later than the first week of October 2020.
- 8) Certification cycles for individuals shall not be affected by this extraordinary extension, and expiry dates shown on certificates would therefore refer to the original expiration cycle which is 5 years from current (non-extended) expiry date.
- 9) All individuals are encouraged to submit applications during this period in order to prevent certificates expiring due to lack of appropriate actions taken.

We are living in very challenging times with the future merely a gift, so please be assured that YOU, our valued customer, remains our first priority and we shall continue to provide you with excellent supporting service.

Please feel free to contact us should you require additional assistance.

Please stay safe.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Potgieter', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn circle.

Herman Potgieter
SAQCC Secretariat.