

ESASA members

ABB
Cato Ridge Electrical
Crabtree
CHI Controls
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Denwa Engineering
EDSE Projects
EE Publishers
Electrahertz
Electric Sales
Electromechanica
Electron Technologies
Electro Systems
Electro Technical Agencies
Gamma Panels
GE
Graham, Golding & Assoc.
K&S Electrical
Legrand
LV Switchboards
Panel Technique
MEC Energy
Megatron Federal
Moeller
Panel Technique
Penbro Kelnick
RBF Technology
Reef Engineering
Rockwell Automation
Sabelco
SABS/NETFA
Schneider Electric
Shaw Controls
Siemens
Stateway Switchboards
Strike Technologies
Switchboard Manufacturers
Tiprow Controls
Trans Electron
Tshwane Switchboards
Wise Design
Zest

Expanding scope

ESASA is expanding its scope to include both low voltage (LV) and medium voltage (MV) switchgear. A number of ESASA members are already involved in MV switchgear, and the Association believes that it can adequately provide services to this sector.

Outward focus

ESASA aims to be the Association of choice for the LV and MV switchgear industry by serving the interests of its members, as well as by focussing outwardly to serve the needs of consulting engineers, project houses, end-users and the general public for increased quality, safety, integrity and customer choice.

Code-of-conduct

ESASA has recently adopted a code-of-conduct for its members to ensure the highest standards of integrity, ethics and good conduct, both in interactions between members, and with external parties such as consultants, project companies, end-users and the general public.

Quality management system (QMS)

ESASA is developing a QMS appropriate for small to medium size electrical panel builders, which will be launched in 2009. This QMS will equip ESASA members with the systems, tools and proof of compliance to ensure customers receive products and workmanship meeting the highest quality and safety standards.

Unit standards

ESASA is involved with the development of an industry Qualification and associated Unit Standards specifically for the workforce requirements of the switchgear industry. This project is now nearing completion.

Continuing professional development (CPD)

In association with EE Publishers, ESASA is launching an exciting CPD initiative in 2009 comprising a series of twelve one-day training courses, accredited for CPD by the Institute of Certificated Mechanical and Electrical Engineers (ICMEESA). The courses will be of a technical nature aimed at meeting the needs of switchgear manufacturers, suppliers, consultants, project houses and end-users. Further announcements in this regard will be made shortly.

Workshops

ESASA has conducted a number of hands-on training and information workshops in Gauteng, Durban and Richards Bay in 2008 on key topics such as the OHS Act, SANS 1973, NEC and FIDIC forms of contracts, etc. These workshops will continue during 2009.

Networking events

In 2009, ESASA plans to host a number of networking events for its members together with their clients, end-users, consulting engineers, project houses, etc. In this way, ESASA intends to bring a better understanding of both its role and the role of its members to the wider industry.

Industry representation

ESASA will continue participation within various technical committees and working groups, representing the switchgear industry on national bodies such as the DoL, DTI, SABS, etc. ESASA will also continue cooperative interactions with other industry associations such as EEAIA, EMASA, SEIFSA, AMEU, etc.

ESASA

Electrical Switchgear Association of South Africa

Vision

To be the organisation of choice to represent, promote, advise and protect the common interests of our members and the general public in South Africa, while carrying out our mission statement.

Mission

To ensure broad industry participation so that users of low and medium voltage, electrical switchgear, controlgear and assemblies, and the general public in South Africa, are offered the safest and most advanced technologies possible, and the widest choice of products and solutions that meet both local and international standards.

Objective

The objective of ESASA is to be a responsible, open, democratic, well-organised and effective body, to represent the needs and to lobby for the rights of its members and their customers, and to participate in a constructive way to build the industry in the best interests of South Africa.

The Association actively promotes the use of both local and international standards, without compromising the applicability of the latter.

ESASA has a high regard for safety, and promotes the notion that an industry cannot operate and be successful without rules and regulations; however, the rules and regulations should be both reasonable and practical to ensure a safe and a competitive economic environment for all.

ESASA has its own Code of Conduct reflecting the highest level of corporate governance and ethical behaviour.

Other activities

- The Association is a participating member of several SABS committees and working groups dealing with low voltage and medium voltage installations, circuit breakers, residual current devices, distribution boards and earthing practices.
- The Association is a member of the South African Electro-technical Sector Board. This board is tasked to advise the Divisional Director of STANSA on policies and priorities relating to standards, and to act as the South African national committee of the IEC.
- Lobbying at institutional level (SABS, DOL, DTI, etc.) and at political level (trade consuls, embassies and political trade forums).
- ESASA is a member of the Electrical Standards Generating Body and is closely involved on behalf of panel manufacturers in the development of Unit Standards for the training of the industry, and ultimately a national qualification in terms of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).
- ESASA will also co-ordinate a number of training programmes for the industry.
- Actively promoting Networking among members, end users, consultants and specifiers.
- Introducing a Quality Management System for members to ensure that they comply with the law and regulations

ESASA members

ESASA's membership comprises two categories: Manufacturer Members and Associate Members.

Manufacturer Members

South African natural and legal persona who in the sole opinion of the Association have a reputable and established track record in the South African switchgear market, and who manufacture, import or distribute switchgear and controlgear components, and/or switchgear and controlgear assemblies, shall be eligible for membership of the Association. This membership category has a vote.

Associate Members

South African natural and legal persona who in the sole opinion of the Association have a reputable and established track record in the South African market, and who carry out business associated directly or indirectly with 'Manufacturer Members', as set out in sub clause 6.2.1, and who want to be associated with the ESASA vision, mission and activities, as determined at an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting, shall be eligible for Associate Membership. This membership category does not have a vote.

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