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Interview with Engr. Nuruddeen Rafindadi, President of ACEN

Engr. Nuruddeen Rafindadi is the CEO of Afric-Projects Consortium. He is presently the president of Association of Consulting Engineers in Nigeria (ACEN).

E-Newsletter: *What is ACEN and what does ACEN standards for?*

Engr. Rafindadi: ACEN is the Association of Nigerian Consulting Engineers. It is an association for which the members are Nigerian engineering consultancy firms, not individual engineers but firms that are duly licensed and registered to practice consultancy in Nigeria. These are the people that come together and form ACEN. ACEN was originally formed in 1972, so it is about forty (40) years old now. ACEN is a member of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers which is FIDIC. It is representing Nigeria in FIDIC. It consists of all the top class consultancy firms that are registered by Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN).

E-Newsletter: *What are the prerequisite for becoming an ACEN member? Is it open to all engineers or they have to meet certain requirements?*

Engr. Rafindadi: It is simple. It is open to every engineering firm



Engr. Nuruddeen Rafindadi

that is duly licensed, registered by COREN and practice consultancy engineering. It's really that simple but you know by law, you need to be enlightened by COREN in order to practice consultancy engineering. The law does not require you to be a member of ACEN but ACEN is a strong influence in COREN. As soon as you are registered in COREN as a firm, you are legible to be a member of ACEN.

E-Newsletter: *What advice do you have for engineers who are not licensed/registered to consult but are consulting?*

Engr. Rafindadi: I will advice them to be licensed/registered so that they can be at the right side of the law. According to Nigerian law today, it is not legal for you to practice engineering if you are not registered by COREN. You will find it more and more difficult if you are not registered by COREN because moving forward, most public organization will not give you consultancy job if you are not duly registered with COREN. Even when you do have the job, somewhere along the line, you might find it difficult if you are not registered and you will find yourself running back to COREN. Registration with COREN is also not difficult, so long as the partnership of the firm consist of members that are registered by COREN and the firm is registered with Cooperate Affairs Commission and the firm has an office, engineering staff, they have the necessary facilities in their office like software and probably they also have some live projects in their record, then they can registered with COREN.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you very much sir.*

NSE PRESIDENT CONFERRED FELLOWSHIP OF NATE

The President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers, Engr. Mustapha Balarabe Shehu FNSE, was on Thursday 1st November 2012 conferred Fellowship of the Nigerian Association Technologist in Engineering (NATE) at the University of Calabar Hotel main hall in Calabar. The President of NATE, Tgst. Chf. Sir. (Dr.) Leo Okereke, FNATE decorated the NSE President who was represented by the Branch Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch, Engr. Denis A. A. Dania MNSE, with the Fellowship medallion and plaque alongside the Cross Rivers State Governor Senator Liyel Imoke CON, who was ably represented by Engr. Basseyy Oqua, the Cross River State Honourable Commissioner for Special Duties and Sir William Archibong, the Chief Executive Officer of Escore Nig. Ltd who was also the chairman of the occasion. This was part of the programme of activities of the 29th 2-day (1-2 Nov. 2012) Annual General Conference /Annual Meeting of the Nigerian Association of Technologist in Engineering held in Calabar. The Conference was declared open by the Honourable Commissioner on behalf of the Cross River State Governor. The theme of this year's conference is "Technology: A Panacea to National Development."



Engr. M. B. Shehu FNSE



Engr. Dania (l) & Dr. Leo Okereke (r)

The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch "2012 Engineering Week" holds on Monday 12th November 2012—18th November 2012. Dinner/Fellowship Celebration/Induction of new members holds Saturday 17th November 2012.

NSE PH Branch visits the Greater Port Harcourt City Development Authority (GPHCDA) site



NSE PH Branch led by the Branch Chairman Engr. Denis Dania visited the Greater Port Harcourt City Development Authority site. Photo right: NSE PH Branch members being conducted round the project sites by the Acting Director of Project Department in GPHCDA Mr. Ofik.



The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held on Thursday 25th October 2012 at the branch secretariat. Before the meeting commenced a presentation titled "Nigeria At 52: Still A Toddler, Which Way Forward" was made by Engr. Chief O. O. Oruye FNSE, The EGM was chaired by the Branch Chairman Engr. Denis A. A. Dania MNSE.



The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Executive Committee (EXCO) meeting for the month of November 2012 was held on Thursday 1st November 2012 at Engr. Ishmael A. Banigo secretariat, Port Harcourt. The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman of the Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus Johnson.

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