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Dear Sir/Madam

**RESEARCH PROJECT: THE EXTENT OF THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PENALTY
CLAUSE IN PUBLIC SECTOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Simphiwe Tshikila, an MSc student at University of Pretoria (student number 25395174), is conducting a research on the extent of the enforcement of the penalty clause in construction contracts implemented by the public sector in South Africa. The research is undertaken under the supervision of Prof. MJ Maritz, the Head of the Department of Construction Economics.

It is generally accepted that the penalty clause, normally found in construction contracts, can be used to dissuade the contractor from completing the works after the agreed completion date. The extent to which this "tool" is being utilised by the public sector is not known. This study will therefore provide better knowledge on this in the light of delays suffered by public sector clients in the completion of construction contracts.

We request a few minutes of your time to complete the attached questionnaire. The questionnaire should take you approximately 10 minutes to complete. The information you provide will be treated in its strictest confidence and will only be used for academic purposes.

On completion of this questionnaire, please return it by email to simphiwet@yahoo.co.uk or fax to 086 602 2764.

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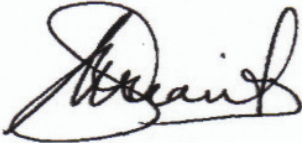
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We trust that you would give favourable consideration to our request.



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