

Introduction to changes in JESA from 2016

New editorial staff and board

Scholarly Managing Editor: Mokone Joseph Roberts

Mokone Roberts was born in 1969 at a small farm near Bothaville, Free State Province. At the age of seven, he went to Viljoenskroon until he matriculated from Rehauhetswe High School. Mokone holds a PhD in chemical engineering from the North-West University (NWU), Potchefstroom Campus, a MEng degree in metallurgical and materials engineering from the University of the Witwatersrand and a National higher diploma in extraction metallurgy from the University of Johannesburg, Doornfontein Campus, then known as the Technikon Witwatersrand. He studied while working at NWU from 2009, Department of Mineral Resources from 2002 and various mines in South Africa from 1990. He has been a member of the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) from 2004 and a registered professional scientist with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions from 2009. Mokone published five times in accredited international energy-related journals of impact factors of 4–7 in 2015, collaborating with some of the world's leading academics. He also facilitated Chapter 1 of annual publication of the South African mineral industry between 2003 and 2008.

Mokone is enthusiastic about his current responsibilities, places high value on personal relationships and sends much gratitude to the outgoing editor, Mr Richard Drummond, who was with the journal for nearly the past two decades. He is married to Masie and they have four children – Tiffy, Ratwe, Bontle and Thori. Through Bontle, Mokone is a member of the school governing body at Oude Molen Academy of Science and Technology, Pinelands, Cape Town. He is also a member of a newly launched SAIMM's mentoring programme through the Young Professional Council, where he was officially assigned to mentor three aspiring young professionals in the South African mining and mineral industry. Mokone has also participated in various multilateral and bilateral policy and investment promotion activities involving Africa, the Americas, Europe, Middle East, Asia and the Pacific Rim.

Editorial board

The new editorial board is part of a renewal effort to take the *Journal of Energy in Southern Africa*

(JESA) towards new heights, improve its academic quality and its commitment to publish sustainable and excellent energy research. Editorial board membership comprises several members from southern Africa (including South Africa), with members from other regions to provide an international perspective on JESA's regional focus, including developed and developing countries, as listed on page ii. When the editorial board was renewed, significant account was taken to have a mixture of peers whose judgement will be highly regarded within the discipline of energy research, as well as with a reasonable gender representation.

Editorial

Thank you to all the authors and all who helped make Issue 1 of Volume 27 of the *Journal of Energy in Southern Africa* a success! Much consideration will preferentially be given to research designed or set up in the southern African region and to studies associated with energy-related matters in the southern African region.