

The South African Institution of Chemical Engineers



To advance chemical engineering as a discipline and as a profession
and to serve the interests of its members and the community at large

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ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

The previous Annual General meeting was held on 6 June 2024 virtually via Teams.

The Council members and officials at the end of the 2024 financial year were:

Prof L van Dyk	President (EXCO)
Prof D Lokhat	Immediate Past President (EXCO)
Prof M Chetty	Vice President (EXCO)
Dr TZ Mathe	Vice President (EXCO)
Mr Q Fakir	Honorary Treasurer(EXCO)
Mr E Obwaka	Honorary Secretary (EXCO)
Mr JJ Scholtz	Past President and co-opted EXCO member
Mr H Mazema	Council Member
Mr D Wright	Council Member
Prof M Daramola	Council Member
Mr A Higginson	Council Member
Ms N Gareeb	Council Member
Ms N Rampersad	Council Member
Mr K Naidoo	Council Member

The following 3 Branch Chairs served on Council

Ms N Rampersad	Gauteng
Prof AH Mohammadi	KZN
Ms T Franklin	Western Cape

Whereas SAICHE is a small voluntary association of professionals and as such cannot afford a full time executive with support staff to manage and run the institution as some of the larger professional associations do, it has to rely on volunteers and voluntary committees to handle its activities. The contributions in terms of time and effort of these volunteers are sincerely appreciated

Secretarial services continue to be provided by Femmy's Office Services, 210 Belair Drive, Northriding, 2169.

1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report for the year ending 31 December 2025

Dear Members of the South African Institution of Chemical Engineers (SAIChE),

2025 has been a year of revitalisation for our Institution. We have witnessed the relaunch of the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) and Western Cape branches of SAIChE, as well as the renewed activation of activities within the Gauteng Branch. At present, all branches have duly constituted branch committees that are working towards establishing regional activities for the benefit of our members. Where possible, some of these activities will also be shared with our broader membership base through online platforms.

The Hydrogen Interest Group hosted two online webinars in 2025: *“Atomic Layer Deposition and Green Hydrogen: Powering South Africa’s Energy Future”* by Prof Tien-Chien Jen, and *“Toward Energy Transition from Fossil Fuels to Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia”* by Prof Amir H. Mohammadi. SAIChE also hosted a webinar by Dr Titus Mathe (Vice-President of SAIChE and G20 participant) entitled *“G20 South Africa Presidency – Shaping the Future of the Global Energy Landscape.”*

SAIChE membership has remained relatively stable over the 2024–2025 period, and one of the key priorities of our Membership Committee is to grow membership across the various membership grades. In this regard, the Membership Committee hosted a business luncheon in October 2025 in Durban for KwaZulu-Natal-based companies to engage them on the benefits of becoming part of SAIChE and to seek their support for our activities. The event was well received, and we plan to roll out similar events in Gauteng and the Western Cape during 2026 and 2027. We have also begun engagements with students at various universities and universities of technology across South Africa to expand our student membership base. As part of this initiative, SAIChE is developing terms of reference for the establishment of student chapters.

The *Journal of the South African Institution of Chemical Engineering*, hosted through ScienceDirect, was allocated an impact factor of 5.1 and a CiteScore of 9. In certain topic areas, the journal has been ranked within the Q1 and Q2 categories. Council remains committed to maintaining low publication fees to ensure broad accessibility.

As part of SAIChE’s international engagements, I attended the 12th World Congress of Chemical Engineering in Beijing, China, as the South African representative on the World Chemical Engineering Council. During the event, I attended meetings of the World Chemical Engineering Council and the International Scientific and Technological Organizations Academic Exchange Symposium, hosted by the Chemical Industry and Engineering Society of China (CIESC). Key outcomes from these engagements included a shared commitment to empowering young talent, fostering stronger industry–academia integration, and supporting the establishment of an African Federation of Chemical Engineers.

My participation in these events also provided an opportunity to engage with the presidents of various international chemical engineering institutions and federations, as well as key representatives from the Chinese chemical industry, paving the way for future discussions and collaborations.

SAIChE remains an accredited voluntary association with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) and, as such, continues to participate in various forums hosted by ECSA. In 2025, we contributed comments on the Identification of Engineering Work (IoEW) document and continued to provide Continuing Professional Development (CPD) course accreditations.

In conclusion, SAIChE remains financially sustainable and committed to offering our members meaningful professional development opportunities through our activities. I would like to thank the committee members, volunteers, council, and the executive committee for their support and hard work over the past year. I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of Ms Femmy Le Roux.

Lastly, I extend my sincere gratitude to all our members for your continued support and encourage you to become actively involved in the activities of the South African Institution of Chemical Engineers.

Warm regards,

Prof Lizelle van Dyk
President South African Institution of Chemical Engineers

2 HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

The draft financial statements were prepared by Council and are presented in **Appendix A**. At the time of publication of these statements, the audit was not concluded. Minor adjustments were made to certain 2024 comparative figures. These adjustments are not considered material to the financial statements.

It is important to note that SAIChE's core financial mandate is a not-for-profit organization, with our aim to generate sufficient surplus to cover all expenses in the administration and running of the organization.

The revenue from membership subscription fees amounted to R710 031 in 2025 and is a 1.52% increase from 2024 (R699 368). Additional income was generated through CPD course accreditation R36 522 (vs 2024 of R12 174, an increase of 300%) and royalties received from our journal, the South African Journal of Chemical Engineering (SAJCE) R340 497 (vs 2024 R265 657, an increase of 28%).

Operating expenses associated with the day-to-day running of SAIChE amounted to R558 555, which is a marked decrease vs 2024, owing to the normalization of council activities post the GCCE2024 event. The operating expenses have thus normalized for 2025, and only inflationary adjustments have been accounted for in line with budgeted estimates.

In conclusion, SAIChE made a net surplus of R762 505 for the year ending 31 December 2025 and the reserves as at 31 December 2025 amounted to R4 766 449. Work has commenced at Council level to fully utilize this excess surplus for the benefit of our members, and more detail on these projects will be provided by the Chairperson.

The Council believes that the Institution has adequate financial resources to continue its operation for the foreseeable future and accordingly the annual financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Council have satisfied themselves that the Institution is in a sound financial position.

Prepared by Mr Q Fakir & Prof Lizelle van Dyk.

3 MEMBERSHIP

Committee Members

Mr. Elly Obwaka – Convenor

Mr Kirshen Naidoo

Ms. Femmy le Roux – SAIChE Office

The membership profile of SAIChE over December 2024 and December 2025 is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: SAIChE membership numbers as at 31 December 2024 and December 2025.

ACTIVE	Membership as at 31 Dec 2024	Membership as at 31 Dec 2025
Company member < 100	1	3
Company member > 100	1	1
Affiliate	5	5
Fellow	24	25
Graduate	14	13
Honorary Fellow	4	4
Member	430	423
Retired Fellows	4	4
Retired Fully Paid-Up Members	40	31
Post-graduate students	6	6
Student	13	29
TOTAL	542	544

The Membership Committee is pleased to note the increase in Company membership, number of Fellows and number of Student members.

The Membership Committee met on 7 August 2025 (online), 18 August 2025 (online) and 30 September (online).

The Membership Committee led the organisation of the SAIChE KZN Business Lunch held at the Riverside Hotel in Durban North on 9 October 2025. A diverse cross-section of colleagues from across academia and industry met to talk shop, share insights, and connect over lunch. Institutions and companies represented on the day included Mangosuthu University of Technology, the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), Zutari, Talbot, Umngeni-Uthukela Water, Puraplan, Gig Engineer, Just Salt Trading, Engage Engineering, Veolia, and AB Projects. The event was honoured by the presence of SAIChE President Professor Lizelle van Dyk, who travelled from Johannesburg to join the event. Professor Amir Mohammadi from UKZN delivered an intellectually stimulating and highly topical seminar on energy transition from fossil fuels to green hydrogen, green ammonia, and green methanol.

The Membership Committee also played a lead role in the revitalisation of the KZN Branch of SAIChE. Meetings were held with the SAIChE KZN Branch Committee on 2 October 2025 online where the KZN Branch Committee was asked to help organise the SAIChE KZN Business Lunch. On 13 November 2025 at UKZN the KZN Branch Committee was reconstituted and met on 7 December 2025 at Jack's Grill to reflect on the year that we had. Please refer to the report prepared by the SAIChE KZN Branch for the list of elected individuals.

The Membership Committee plans to conduct a student membership drive together with the SAIChE KZN Branch Committee at Mangosuthu University of Technology in March 2026.

Elly Obwaka
Membership Committee Convenor

4 ENGINEERING COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (ECSA)

Identification of Engineering Work (IDoEW)

In 2021 ECSA started the process of developing a document to identify engineering work to provide the means to improve the regulation of engineering work in the future. ECSA made it clear that its long-term goal is to ensure that any engineering work carried out in South Africa is done by professionals who are registered in one of the categories ECSA has defined.

Over the intervening years there has been input from Council members into defining engineering work for Chemical Engineers. This was the case with all other Voluntary Associations recognised by ECSA with the result that at the beginning of 2025 a draft of the IDoEW Rules for all engineering disciplines recognised by ECSA was published for comment.

There were a number of comments or concerns submitted on aspects of the Chemical Engineering section of this draft document. These were addressed to the satisfaction of ECSA. As a result, a revised draft of the IDoEW Rules was finalised and was put forward to be formalised as an ECSA policy. The formalisation process had not been completed in 2025 and has been carried over into 2026.

Support for Members applying for ECSA registration

Since ECSA has made it clear that registration will be obligatory for anyone wishing to work as an engineer in the future, a document was developed to assist members with the registration process. The document was published and is available on the SAIChE website (members only). It does however need to be updated to link in with the new ECSA online registration system.

DW Wright

5 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) ACCREDITATION

A total of 26 courses were submitted to SAIChE for assessment to award CPD points. In most cases approval was straight forward, however, there was one submission that involved a unique online approach that required careful consideration.

Once this course had been thoroughly examined it was approved with the result that all 26 applications were approved.

The benefit to SAIChE in approving these courses for CPD points is not only do they provide opportunities for our members to attend these courses and earn CPD points, but it also generates a small income for the Institution. There is a fee to be paid for courses that require assessment to be able to award CPD points when they are presented.

H Mazema and DW Wright
CPD Committee

7. COMMUNICATION

Blue Digital is our official social media content creator and is tasked with posting at least two post per week on LINKEDIN, Twitter and Facebook. These platforms are used to communicate online courses, create awareness of chemical engineering as a profession and provide information on interesting topics.

It's been a strong year in terms of digital engagement and reach. Between January and mid-December, SAIChE grew its total social following to just over 5 000, with LinkedIn increasing by more

than 23% year on year. Across platforms, content generated nearly 78 000 views, with LinkedIn alone contributing over 63 000, showing clear momentum in reaching professionals, students, and industry stakeholders.

What's been especially encouraging is how well thought-leadership and community-focused posts performed. Content explaining what chemical engineers do, highlighting industry relevance, student pathways, awards, and professional events consistently ranked among the most viewed and interacted-with posts of the year. This really reinforces the value of positioning SAICHe as both an authoritative and approachable professional body.

SAICHe is always looking for social media content and members are invited to submit content through our office.

8 SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERING (SAJCE)

Our institution is proud to be associated with the South African Journal of Chemical Engineering (SAJCE), a fully open access journal published by Elsevier, and covering a broad range of topics within the discipline.

The highlight of the year was the formal receipt of the first Impact Factor for the journal from Clarivate. The Impact Factor measures the average number of citations received in a particular year by papers published in the journal during the two preceding years. The current impact factor for the journal is 5.1, which places it amongst the top journals in the discipline and other South African scientific journals.

Over the last reporting period 80 papers were accepted for publication in the Journal, and existing papers received almost 4000 independent citations. A special issue of the Journal, covering selected papers presented at the Global Congress of Chemical Engineering in October 2024 has been issued.

Interested members can read papers from this open access journal for free by opening the following link. <http://www.journals.elsevier.com/south-african-journal-of-chemical-engineering> There is also a link on the SAICHe website.

9 HYDROGEN INTEREST GROUP

The hydrogen interest group organised two webinars in 2025 by Prof Tien-Chien and Prof Amir H Mohammadi.

Prof Tien-Chien is the NRF Sasol Chair on Hydrogen based at the University of Johannesburg (UJ). His talk gave us an overview of the current technologies for green hydrogen production.

Webinar: Atomic Layer Deposition and Green Hydrogen: Powering South Africa's Energy Future
This successful Webinar was held on 29 October 2025. The keynote presentation was delivered by Prof Tien-Chien Jen.

Prof Amir H Mohammadi is a professor of chemical engineering at the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN). His presentation highlighted technologies used for hydrogen production and storage.
Webinar: Toward Energy Transition from Fossil Fuels to Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia. Date of webinar: 7 May 2025. Keynote address by Prof Amir H. Mohammadi. The concept of "transition fuels".

10 AWARDS

SAIChE has 3 categories of awards.

Student award - the Silver Medal to the top performing final year chemical engineering students (must have obtained qualification with a 1st class pass) from each of our educational institutions which offers a Chemical Engineering Programme.

The Bill Neale-May Gold Medal and the Innovation Awards are made in recognition of outstanding contributions by chemical engineers to the industry. Nominations are accepted from anyone.

The Silver Medal Award Recipients in 2025 are:

(Final year students of 2024)

Romy Stevens	UCT
Gemma Leigh Muller	US
Mathew Daniel Strauss	UP
Nicole Kamionsky	WITS
Muzi Siphoesihle Mthethwa	TUT
Iqbal Ahmed Hamza	UKZN
Divan W Pieterse	NWU
Kgomotso C Funani	VUT

Innovation Award

No nominations received.

Bill Neale-May Gold Medal

No nominations received.

11 BRANCH ACTIVITIES

SAIChE currently has three branches in South Africa, the KwaZulu-Natal, Gauteng and Western Cape Branches, and one active membership group in Hydrogen (See point 9). Reports on the activities of the branches are included below.

KwaZulu-Natal Branch of SAIChE

1. Chairperson's Message

It is my pleasure to present the 2025 Annual Report for the SAIChE KwaZulu-Natal Branch. Following a period of inactivity, the branch was successfully reconstituted in November 2025, marking a significant milestone in restoring its role within the chemical engineering community. The newly elected committee has demonstrated a strong commitment to rebuilding the branch and establishing a solid foundation for sustainable growth.

During this reporting period, our focus was on governance, strategic planning, and member engagement. We have developed a comprehensive roadmap for 2026, which includes student-focused initiatives, professional development activities, and increased collaboration with industry and academia.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all committee members for their dedication and contributions. We look forward to an active and impactful year ahead.

Prof. Amir H. Mohammadi
Chairperson, SAIChE KZN Branch

2. Introduction

The KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Branch of SAIChE was successfully reactivated in November 2025 following a period of inactivity. The reporting period covers foundational activities undertaken between November and December 2025, focusing on reconstitution, governance, and strategic planning.

3. Reconstitution of the Branch

At the committee meeting held on 13 November 2025 at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, the branch was formally reconstituted. A new executive committee was elected to lead the branch going forward.

Key appointments include:

- Chairperson – Prof AH Mohammadi
- Deputy Chairperson – Dr MM Tshibangu

- Secretary – Dr N Nkosi
- Deputy Secretary – Mr N Kyola
- Treasurer – Dr MM Lasich
- Deputy Treasurer – Ms S Birjanund
- Public Relations – Ms J Naidoo
- Catering & Venues – Ms TP Lubisi
- Membership Rep – Ms T Jwara
- ECSA Rep – Prof K Moodley

Additional roles covering public relations, membership, and ECSA representation were also assigned. This marked a critical milestone in restoring the operational capacity of the KZN branch.

4. Governance and Administration

During the December 2025 meeting, governance processes were strengthened through administrative updates, including:

Approval of new bank account signatories to ensure financial continuity and accountability.

Discussions on establishing official SAICHe domain email addresses for improved communication and professional engagement.

5. Strategic Planning for 2026

Significant progress was made in planning activities for 2026. The branch outlined a comprehensive programme aimed at revitalising member engagement and professional development.

Planned initiatives include:

- Student membership drives, starting at Mangosuthu University of Technology
- Organisation of webinars and public lectures featuring industry experts
- Hosting of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and networking events
- Campus visits and approximately ten branch meetings
- Exploration of hosting a SAICHe conference in 2028
- Development of CPD-accredited activities for members

6. Visibility and Member Engagement

The branch identified strategies to improve its visibility and outreach, including:

- Establishment of dedicated social media platforms aligned with national SAICHe channels
- Enhanced communication with members through structured digital platforms
- Increased collaboration with academic institutions and industry stakeholders

7. Key Achievements

- Successful reactivation and restructuring of the KZN branch
- Establishment of a fully functional executive committee
- Development of a clear strategic roadmap for 2026

- Initiation of governance and administrative improvements

8. Conclusion

The period from November to December 2025 laid a strong foundation for the revitalisation of the SAICHe KZN Branch. With a committed leadership team and a well-defined strategy, the branch is well-positioned to enhance professional engagement, support student development, and contribute meaningfully to the chemical engineering community in KwaZulu-Natal.

Prof. Amir H. Mohammadi
SAICHe KZN Branch Chairperson

Gauteng Branch of SAICHe

Committee members

PORTFOLIO	LEAD	DEPUTY
Chair	Nirvana Rampersad	Seshibe Makgato
Secretary	Phumzile Fankomo	Saeideh Babaee
Treasurer	Qasim Fakir	Doctor Tshikotshi
Public Relations	Hamed Hashemi	Antony Higginson & Kasturie Premllal
Events Co-Ordinator (Venue and Catering)	Doctor Tshikotshi	Kasturie Premllal
Quicket/Registration	Phumzile Fankomo	Michael Daramola (TBC)

1. Branch Chair Report

Introduction

The focus of 2025 was on collaborative initiatives with other Voluntary Associations and Institutions to engage in more meaningful contributions to society. There was no face-to-face member events held due to the shortage of dedicated volunteers to drive events.

Focus Areas

Gauteng branch has embarked on a project in conjunction with University of Johannesburg Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, SAIEE and SAIMEchE, ECSA as well as other industry players to convert an Internal Combustion engine (ICE) driven car into an Electric Vehicle (EV). This project

extends into 2027. We have also been participating in readying the Nuclear Training Programme with UJ, NECSA, ECSA and other volunteer associations, which kicks off later in 2026.

Planned Branch/committee activities 2026/2027:

- Joint event with SAAFOST Topics in food tech space – Q2
- Networking event Guest speaker and cocktail function - Q3
- Academic studies and projects with industrial relevance - Academic projects on campus
- Site visits Q3/Q4

General

The past year was instrumental in setting up the committee for 2026/2027 activities. The branch seeks the involvement of more members to drive Chemical Engineering interests and participation in collaborative events.

Nirvana Rampersad
SAIChE Gauteng Branch Chairperson

2. Branch Treasurer Report

Based on the results of the financials, the branch believes it has adequate financial resources to continue its operation for the foreseeable future and accordingly, the annual financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The branch is satisfied that the Institution is in a sound financial position.

No major expenditures were incurred, and income from the branch's investment account generates sufficient interest earned to cover all necessary expenses in the day-to-day operation of the branch. Interest earned in 2025 was R19 917.

In conclusion, SAIChE Gauteng Branch made a net surplus of R19 217 for the year ending 31 December 2025 and reserves as of 31 December 2025 amounted to R264 358.

Mr Q Fakir
SAIChE Gauteng Branch Treasurer

Western Cape Branch of SAIChE

1 Introduction

The Western Cape Branch of the South African Institution of Chemical Engineers (SAIChE) underwent a period of re-establishment and strategic development during the period May 2025 to April 2026. An interim branch committee was constituted in May 2025 to reactivate branch activities, re-establish governance structures, and prepare for the branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in September 2025, at which a formally elected committee was appointed.

Following the Branch AGM, the newly constituted committee commenced regular operational activities from October 2025 onward. The reporting period focused on strengthening branch governance, rebuilding operational systems, increasing membership engagement, improving student participation, and re-establishing a sustainable programme of technical and networking activities within the Western Cape region.

The committee operated through regular monthly meetings held in virtual, hybrid, and face-to-face formats, with active participation from representatives across academia and industry. Throughout the reporting period, the branch placed significant emphasis on:

- governance and compliance,
- banking and financial administration,
- strategic planning,
- student chapter development,
- technical event planning, and
- membership growth initiatives.

The branch also worked to strengthen alignment between SAIChE activities and broader professional development initiatives, including ECSA professional registration awareness and industry engagement.

2 Branch Re-establishment and Committee Transition

During May 2025, an interim Western Cape Branch committee was established to reactivate and stabilise branch operations following a period of limited activity. The interim committee focused primarily on:

- re-establishing branch governance structures,
- restarting committee engagement,
- initiating strategic planning discussions, and
- preparing for a formal Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) held 10 September 2025.

The interim committee served from May 2025 until the Western Cape Branch AGM held in September 2025, at which a formally constituted branch committee was appointed.

Following the Branch AGM, the newly elected committee commenced its formal operational activities, with regular recorded committee meetings taking place from October 2025 onward. The remainder of this report therefore primarily reflects the activities, resolutions, and progress achieved by the elected committee during the period October 2025 to April 2026.

3 Committee and Governance

The branch maintained formal governance processes through regular committee meetings, approval of minutes, maintenance of an Action Item Register, implementation of a branch Code of Conduct, and engagement with National Council on governance matters.

A consolidated Action Item Register was introduced as a living management tool to improve accountability and continuity between meetings. Conflict-of-interest declarations were also formally adopted during the reporting period.

Outstanding governance matters at the end of the reporting period primarily related to the finalisation of banking documentation.

4 Financial and Banking Matters

A major focus area during the reporting period was the establishment of stable and governance-compliant banking arrangements for the branch.

Ongoing operational challenges associated with the legacy Nedbank account prompted the committee to undertake a comparative review of banking options across multiple South African banks. The review considered governance compliance, multi-signatory capability, transaction costs, accessibility, and operational practicality.

Following committee deliberation, the branch resolved in April 2026 to transition to an FNB-based dual-account structure comprising a governance-linked group account and a transactional operating account.

At the conclusion of the reporting period, the migration process and signatory arrangements were underway, while closure of the existing Nedbank account remained in progress.

The committee also initiated discussions regarding longer-term financial sustainability, including event funding, catering costs, and potential future revenue-generating initiatives.

5 Strategy and Branch Development

During late 2025 and early 2026, the branch developed and refined its Strategy 2026 framework, focusing on membership growth, branch visibility, student engagement, technical programming, industry collaboration, governance improvement, and sustainable operations.

Portfolio-based responsibilities were introduced to improve operational execution across committee members, including portfolios linked to communications, membership, industry liaison, finance, and events coordination.

The branch also initiated development of a membership tracking dashboard intended to improve monitoring of membership trends and engagement.

6 Membership and Student Engagement

Membership growth and student engagement emerged as major strategic priorities during the reporting period.

The branch engaged the National Office to improve visibility of Western Cape membership statistics and trends. Updated data received during February 2026 indicated that the Western Cape Branch had approximately 72 members across various membership categories, including:

- professional members,
- graduate members,
- affiliate members,
- retired members,
- fellows, and
- student members.

The committee emphasised strengthening member engagement, improving branch visibility, promoting the professional benefits of SAChE membership, and increasing awareness of ECSA professional registration pathways.

A significant development during the reporting period was the initiation of a formal UCT student chapter structure. Progress included student engagement meetings, formation of an interim student committee, initiation of university registration processes, and increased student participation in branch technical events.

The branch also strengthened engagement with students through classroom engagement, programme briefings, orientation activities, and collaboration discussions with other engineering societies.

7 Technical Meetings and Events

The branch actively worked to re-establish a sustainable programme of technical meetings, seminars, and networking activities. Discussions focused on realistic event planning, speaker development, venue rotation between institutions, attendance forecasting, and financial sustainability.

The committee agreed that hosting approximately five well-organised technical events annually would be more achievable and sustainable than an overly ambitious monthly programme.

Event initiatives discussed during the reporting period included technical seminars, industry presentations, postgraduate research seminars, site visits, Women's Month events, and professional registration support workshops.

A branch seminar programme was initiated during March and April 2026, with significant effort directed toward venue coordination, technical support, publicity, and student participation.

8 Research and Industry Engagement

The branch continued discussions around strengthening research and industry engagement within the Western Cape region.

Although the Western Cape Research Day is expected to next take place in 2027, discussions commenced regarding broader collaborative initiatives involving postgraduate seminars, industry engagement, technical innovation showcases, mentorship activities, and professional registration support workshops.

The committee also noted developments at National Council level relating to ECSA registration requirements, CPD structures, mentorship initiatives, and broader professional development opportunities within the chemical engineering sector.

9 Challenges Encountered

Key challenges experienced during the reporting period included:

- delays in banking and financial administration processes,
- uncertainty around event funding,
- attendance forecasting difficulties for in-person events,
- limited student participation during initial engagement stages, and
- the need to balance ambitious strategic goals with realistic volunteer capacity.

Despite these challenges, the committee maintained strong momentum and continued making measurable progress across multiple operational areas.

10 Outlook for 2026

Looking ahead, the Western Cape Branch intends to focus on:

- finalising stable banking and governance arrangements,
- strengthening membership tracking and reporting,
- formalising student chapter structures,
- expanding technical programming,
- increasing industry participation,
- supporting professional registration initiatives,
- rotating branch activities across institutions, and
- improving long-term operational sustainability.

The branch also aims to continue strengthening collaboration between academia, students, industry, and National Council structures in support of the chemical engineering profession within the Western Cape region.

11 Acknowledgements

The Chairperson wishes to thank all committee members for their continued commitment, participation, and voluntary contributions throughout the reporting period.

Special appreciation is extended to members who contributed significantly to:

- governance and administration,
- banking and financial investigations,
- student engagement initiatives,
- technical meeting coordination,

- strategic planning, and
- strengthening the visibility and sustainability of the Western Cape Branch.

The branch also acknowledges the support and engagement of SAIChE National Office, academic institutions, industry partners, and student participants who contributed to branch activities during the year.

Dr Terry-Ann Franklin
SAIChE WC Branch Chairperson

Appendix A

Unaudited Financial Statements for Year Ending 31 Dec 2025

<i>Figures in Rand Note(s)</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2025</i> <i>[R]</i>	<i>2024</i> <i>[R]</i>
Assets			
<i>Current Assets</i>			
<i>Trade and other receivables</i>	1	72 749	50 387
<i>Cash and cash equivalents</i>	2	4 679 235	4 040 585
<i>VAT</i>		14 465	
Total Assets		4 766 449	4 090 972
Reserves and Liabilities			
<i>Equity</i>			
<i>Reserves</i>		4 766 318	4 003 813
<i>Liabilities</i>			
<i>Current Liabilities</i>			
<i>Trade and other payables</i>	3	131	85 823
<i>VAT</i>			1 336
Total Reserves and Liabilities		4 766 449	4 090 972

Detailed Income Statement for the period 1 January to 31 December 2025

Figures in Rand Note(s)	Notes	2025 [R]	2024 [R]
Revenue			
Subscription fees received from members	5	710 031	699 368
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Other income			
	6		
CPD Course Accreditation		36 522	12 174
Royalties: South African Journal of Chemical Engineering		340 497	265 657
Sponsorships GCCE2024		0	323 913
GCCE2024 Congress Income		0	1 277 838
		1 087 050	2 578 950
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Operating expenses			
Secretarial fees		(228 561)	(248 814)
Auditor's remuneration	7	0	(86 248)
Awards		0	(17 150)
Bank charges		(138)	(626)
Bad Debt		0	(15 000)
Meetings - Council		0	0
Obligations (NSTF, SETAG, WorldCE)		(1 510)	(1 424)
Office expenses		(100 594)	(92 421)
Publications		(43 800)	(61 898)
Council Travel		(20 137)	0
Branches		(10 325)	0
GCCE2024 Congress Expense		(143 390)	(1 767 146)
SAIChE Special Projects		(10 100)	(7 273)
		(558 555)	(2 298 000)
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Operating Surplus		528 495	280 948
Investment revenue	8	234 010	242 680
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Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year		762 505	523 630

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

Figures in Rand

	2025 [R]	2024 [R]
1. Trade and other receivables		
Trade Receivables	101 500	101 500
Provision for doubtful debts	(101 500)	(101 500)
Prepayments		
Accrued Income	72 749	50 387
	<u>72 749</u>	<u>50 387</u>
2. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Cash on hand	20 000	20 000
Bank balances	4 679 235	4 020 585
	<u>4 699 235</u>	<u>4 040 585</u>
3. Trade and other payables		
Trade payables	131	131
Other accrued expenses		85 692
	<u>131</u>	<u>85 823</u>
5. Revenue		
Subscription fees received from members	710 031	699 368
6. Other Income		
CPD Course Accreditation	36 522	12 174
Royalties: South African Journal of Chemical Engineering	340 497	265 657
Sponsorships GCCE2024		323 913
GCCE2024 Congress Income		1 277 838
	<u>377 019</u>	<u>1 879 582</u>
7. Auditors' Remuneration		
Fees	0	86 248
8. Investment revenue		
Bank	234 010	242 680

9. Taxation

Non provision of tax

No provision has been made for 2025 tax as the Institution is exempt from tax according to section 10(1)(cN) of the Income Tax Act.

