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Dear Madam/Sir,

I am writing to request your assistance with an important research project, *“Examining the efficiency constraints within small construction companies in the Eastern Cape”*, being conducted by myself, *Lindiwe Carol Dhlamini*, a *Bsc Honours Quantity Surveying* student at Nelson Mandela University.

The purpose of my research is to examine the efficiency constraints within small construction companies and affirm ways to reduce efficiency losses. The knowledge attained from this study will help attain maximum value, minimum waste as well as reduced construction costs and a boost in the economic development.

You were selected to be part of this project because *you work in a small construction company and perform duties related to Quantity Surveying*. I can imagine this is a busy time of year for you, but I hope you will take some time to participate in our very brief survey. The questionnaire will require only *take 10-15 minutes* to complete.

To complete the survey online, please access the URL below. If you do not have dependable Internet access or prefer to answer the questionnaire on paper, you may request a paper survey by sending an e-mail to the e-mail address below.

As a token of our appreciation for your participation in this important study, we will e-mail you the conference paper (12 pages) and the YouTube presentation (15 minutes) of the research findings at the end of the research.

There is no risk involved, and your answers will be completely confidential. Moreover, the survey results will be reported in a summary format so that no one will be able to associate you with your responses to this survey. Participation is strictly voluntary, and you may refuse to participate or discontinue participation at any time.

If you decide to participate in the research, please endeavor to complete the questionnaire by *the 30th of July 2023*.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important research. If you have any questions about the survey administration, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at 078 883 8080 s220180415@mandela.ac.za.

Yours sincerely,

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Survey Link: <https://questionpro.com/t/AYAVmZydFd>