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INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ADVERT

The Johannesburg Social Housing Company SOC Limited (JOSHCO) mandate is to develop and manage affordable rental housing for the lower market as an integral part of efforts to eradicate the housing backlog of the City of Johannesburg. JOSHCO is a registered Social Housing Institution and is accredited by the Social Housing Regulatory Authority (SHRA).

We invite suitably qualified and experienced persons to apply for the following vacant position.

Position : **Company Secretary**
Employment Status : **5-Year Fixed Term Contract**
Department : **Office of the Chief Executive Officer**

Purpose of the Job: Provide direction and leadership to ensure that the standards of corporate governance are met and that the Board and Directors fulfill their statutory requirements.

Responsibilities (but not limited to the following):

- Assist the development and execution of Public and Stakeholder Relations strategy
- Drives the Department's Corporate Governance Strategy
- Define the strategic role of Corporate Governance in the overall strategy of the organisation.
- Manage the effective execution of the Board Resolution matrix.
- Ensure timeous dispatch of Board Packs.
- Provide consultative support to managers and board on all governance matters.
- Ensure cohesive governance and risk management policies are in place to clearly define responsibilities, processes, delegations, and decision-making powers; and to fully comply with organisational, business, tax and regulatory requirements.
- Works with peers to improve operational systems, processes, and policies to support management reporting, information flow and management, business processes and organisational planning.
- Lead the Department and oversees its functions, resources and outputs including business and financial management, human resource management, facilities, information, and communications technology (ICT), and office administration.

Provide effective support to the Board of Directors and EXCO

- Ensure the schedule of board, board committee and management committee meetings for the year are prepared.
- Ensure the agendas for all meetings in conjunction with the chairperson and key executives are formulated.

- Ensure board packs and information are distributed to all relevant parties before the meeting as stipulated in the various Committee TOR and Board Charter.
- Ensure accuracy of minutes of meetings and timeous distribution as stipulated.
- Advise and assist directors with respect to their duties and responsibilities.
- Continuously review all legislative, regulatory, and corporate governance developments that might affect the company's operations and ensure the board and management committee is fully briefed.
- Ensure that board resolutions are communicated to management and issues from management are referred back to the board where appropriate.
- Induct new Directors and arrange for skills development for inexperienced directors.
- Monitor the performance and effectiveness of the board.
- Effective secretarial support provided, arrange, and manage Board training.
- Ensure that minutes of board meetings are kept and filed according to legislation.
- Ensure effective communication between the board and management.
- Coordinate Annual performance appraisals.

Ensure Compliance for all Statutory and Regulatory Bodies

- Ensure that statutory deadlines are met, and that the statutory and regulatory disclosures are validated.
- Interact with key stakeholders including amongst others: Shareholder, Board, and Executive Committee as prescribed by the King IV Report on Corporate Governance.
- Comply with all the statutory provisions of the Companies Act, including the lodgment of all documents with the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office
- Maintain and update company register of members.
- Ensure compliance with the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and effecting any changes to meet the needs of the company.
- Collate information from relevant departments and prepare quarterly, mid-year and annual report for distribution to all stakeholders.
- Co-ordinate the publication and distribution of the company's annual report and accounts in consultation with directors.
- Certify the annual financial statements of the company by ensuring that JOSHCO has lodged all returns required of a public company and that all these returns are true, correct and up to date.
- Ensure that all letterheads, notices and other official stationery and publications of the company display the correct name of the company, registration number, registered office and names of the directors and company secretary.
- Ensure a compliant culture within organisation.
- Statutory registers, books are maintained, statutory returns timeously lodged per legislation.
- All company performance reports are timeously prepared and submitted.

Provide Legal and Contractual Support to Organization

- Draw up all contracts and agreements for the company.
- Monitor implementation of agreements e.g., Service Level Agreements with JOSHCO.
- Liaise and follow up with service providers (legal).
- Ensure legal actions are instituted where appropriate.
- Advise management on legal matters.

- Perform any other functions as might be required.
- Contracts and agreements meet legal requirements.
- Ensure parties adhere to agreements.
- Prompt legal action taken e.g., defaulters, illegal occupancy etc.

Efficient Record Administration

- Ensure all contracts and agreements are kept in safe custody.
- Ensure that duplicate copies of critical documents are held offsite as part of a disaster recovery programme.
- Oversee development and implementation of records administration system.
- Maintain the Company's record repository in terms of the National Archives Act 43 of 1996 and other policies of Johannesburg Social Housing Company.
- Implementation of archiving policy and procedure.

Effective Risk Management

- Identify risks in Corporate Governance including company records and legal is exposed to.
- Implement appropriate risk management strategies.
- Report on risk management.
- Appropriate risk management strategies implemented.

Effective Financial Management

- Develop Corporate Governance budget in line with operational plan.
- Report on financial performance of Corporate Governance.
- Monitor Corporate Governance expenditure against the budget.
- Compile and manage budget for the Department.
- Financial systems implemented.

Ensure all Policies, Procedures and Systems are relevant.

- Review of all company policies and procedures to ensure compliance with legislation and ensure good governance.
- Oversee development, implementation and review of good governance control systems, policies and procedures.
- Best practice policies, systems, and procedures in place.
- Company policies, procedures, and systems compliant with legislation and ensure good governance.

Oversee Staff Performance and conduct managerial responsibilities.

- Orientate and induct all new staff.
- Allocate work to staff and define performance standards.
- Implement staff development processes.
- Implement appropriate HR policies and procedures as required.
- Skilled and motivated workforce.
- Signed Performance agreements.
- Performance reviews implemented with staff.

- Staff development plans designed and implemented.
- Implemented appropriate HR policies and procedures.

MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- LLB or BCom Law or a Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration or Chartered Institute of Secretaries (CIS) Qualification or any other relevant and equivalent qualification supported by a formal qualification as Chartered Company secretarial.
- A master's in law or public Administration will be an added advantage.
- A Certificate in MFMA or the ability to acquire it within the first 18 months of employment.

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- Minimum of 8 years' experience in legal services or a Company Secretariat environment of which three 3 years should be at management level.
- Experience COSEC role, with Board support and interface is important.
- Acquired skills in document management, the latest approaches overall Board management.
- Completed the IDoSA or CISA courses will be an advantage.

OTHER COMPETENCIES

GENERAL MANAGEMENT SKILLS:

Clear and Concise Communication is crucial (Complex). Written and verbal communication clarity is essential. Facilitation (Basic), Customer Service (Complex), Relationship Management, Teamwork Financial, Accounting and Budgeting (Basic), Organisational Management and Principles (Basic), Human Resource Management (Basic), Risk Management (Complex), Planning and Organising (Complex), Problem Solving (Complex), Gather and analyse information (Complex), Coaching (Basic), Performance Management (Basic), Networking (Basic), Strategic Perspective (Basic), Commercial Awareness (Basic), Maintain zero tolerance for internal audit findings

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Housing Sector Legislation, Lease Agreement Management (Complex), Default Management (Complex), Eviction Management (Complex), MFMA, Companies Act, Municipal systems Act, Articles of Association

ATTRIBUTES

Emotional intelligence leadership, Assertiveness, Interpersonal skills, Adaptability and Flexibility, Situational sensitivity

Application Procedure:

Please take note that only online applications will be considered. Please apply by using the following link below, by either copying the link onto browser or click on the link:

<https://share-eu1.hsforms.com/16d4ui6CMSXOmd5fDbGT-tAew554>



JOSHCO is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer, and all appointments will be made in accordance with the Company's Employment Equity Plan to promote its representivity (race, gender, and disability). Correspondence will only be limited to shortlisted candidates and applicants who have not been contacted within 6 weeks should consider their applications unsuccessful. JOSHCO reserves the right not to make an appointment.

The Closing date for applications is 07 October 2023.