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## Statute of the Saudi Energy Efficiency Center

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- Words used in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.
- Words used in the masculine form include the feminine.
- Words used in the present tense include the present as well as the future.
- The word "person" or "persons" and their related pronouns (he, his, him, they, their, them) refer to a natural and legal person.



## Statute of the Saudi Energy Efficiency Center

### Article 1

The following phrases shall have the meanings assigned thereto unless the context requires otherwise:

**KACST:** King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology.

**President:** KACST President.

**SEEC:** The Saudi Energy Efficiency Center.

**Administrative Committee:** The Administrative Committee set up pursuant to Article 5 of this Statute.

### Article 2

A permanent national center shall be established under this Statute and shall be named “The Saudi Energy Efficiency Center”.

### Article 3

The aim of SEEC is to rationalize and enhance the efficiency of energy consumption and consolidate the efforts exerted by government and nongovernment bodies in this field.

### Article 4

Without prejudice to the jurisdiction and responsibilities of State agencies, SEEC may take all necessary actions to achieve its objectives, including:

1. developing a national program for rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption, along with necessary plans therefor;
2. proposing laws and regulations for rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption;
3. participating in the development of standard specifications for appliances and equipment, lighting systems, means of transportation and the like, in a manner that would help rationalize and enhance the efficiency of energy consumption;
4. pursuing the implementation of legislations, policies and plans relating to rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption, and recommending necessary measures to implement the same;



5. developing appropriate framework that would help manage the energy consumption efficiency labels program for appliances and equipment, in cooperation with relevant parties;
6. providing energy audit services and developing standards for energy use;
7. promoting programs relating to rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption and the uses thereof in buildings;
8. setting standards for managing electrical loads and assessing appropriate methods and procedures to be implemented through programs and technologies that are suitable for the environment of the Kingdom;
9. establishing databases relating to rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption, in cooperation with competent authorities;
10. developing indicators for rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption in various sectors and preparing periodic reports on the progress achieved in this area, using programs and technologies that are suitable for the environment of the Kingdom;
11. promoting investment in the field of rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption;
12. supporting and promoting studies and research in the field of rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption;
13. conducting administrative and technical training in the field of rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption, as well as administering formal tests to qualify energy managers;
14. raising awareness on the importance of rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption, benefiting from similar experiences and applications in this field; emphasizing its importance in education; and collaborating with competent authorities in disseminating its message through school curricula and mass media, as well as conducting seminars, workshops and media programs which promote the culture of rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption; and
15. communicating and cooperating with similar international entities in the field of rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption; benefiting from the experiences of advanced countries and concluding agreements with international competent bodies to benefit from the best technologies, systems and studies and research in this field, in accordance with applicable legal procedures.



## **Article 5**

SEEC shall be overseen by an administrative committee chaired by KACST President and shall comprise the following members:

1. a representative from the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources;
2. a representative from the Ministry of Water and Electricity;
3. a representative from the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs;
4. a representative from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry;
5. a representative from the Ministry of Transport;
6. a representative from the Ministry of Finance (Customs Authority);
7. a representative from the Ministry of Culture and Information;
8. a representative from the Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization;
9. a representative from the Electricity and Cogeneration Regulatory Authority;
10. a representative from the Presidency of Meteorology and Environment;
11. a representative from King Abdullah City for Atomic and Renewable Energy;
12. a representative from the Secretariat of the National Committee for the Clean Development Mechanism;
13. a representative from Saudi Aramco;
14. a representative from the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC);
15. a representative from the Saudi Electricity Company;
16. the Director General of SEEC; and
17. two representatives from the private sector nominated by the Council of Saudi Chambers and appointed by a decision of the Chairman of the Administrative Committee of SEEC for a term of three years renewable for one additional term.

Representatives of government bodies shall be of a rank not lower than “Grade Fourteen”, or equivalent. The Committee may, upon the approval its members, include other members.

## **Article 6**

The Administrative Committee shall oversee SEEC and shall, for this purpose, have all the necessary powers to achieve its objectives, particularly the following:



1. monitoring the implementation of SEEC activities;
2. approving the general and detailed plans for the activities of SEEC;
3. developing a national program for rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption, along with necessary plans and policies;
4. proposing legislations relating to rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption; pursuing the implementation of laws and regulations relevant to the duties of SEEC; and submitting necessary recommendations in accordance with applicable legal procedures;
5. approving SEEC's budget, upon coordinating with the Ministry of Finance with respect to the State subsidy allocated for SEEC; and
6. setting up task forces and subcommittees and seeking the assistance of local and international experts.

#### **Article 7**

The Administrative Committee of SEEC shall hold periodic meetings at least four times a year upon a call by the Chairman of the Committee or his designee, and shall convene whenever necessary. A meeting shall not be valid unless attended by the majority of members including the Chairman or his designee, and decisions shall be passed by the majority vote of attending members. In case of a tie, the chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote. The Committee may, at its discretion, invite others to attend its meetings without having the right to vote.

#### **Article 8**

SEEC shall have a director general to be appointed by KACST President. The Director General shall be responsible for managing SEEC in accordance with the powers vested in him, and he may, in particular:

1. oversee the financial, administrative and technical affairs of SEEC;
2. propose SEEC's action plans and programs and oversee the implementation of the same upon approval by the Administrative Committee;
3. prepare SEEC's draft budget and submit the same to the Administrative Committee;
4. prepare the meeting agendas of the Administrative Committee, attend its meetings and follow up on the implementation of its decisions and recommendations;



5. submit annual reports on SEEC's activities and challenges to the Administrative Committee;
6. contract experts, consultancy firms and companies specialized in the field of rationalizing and enhancing the efficiency of energy consumption in order to help achieve SEEC's objectives, subject to the Administrative Committee's approval; and
7. any other task assigned thereto by the Administrative Committee.

### **Article 9**

SEEC's communications with government and nongovernment bodies shall be through the Chairman of the Administrative Committee or the Director General of SEEC, as the case may be.

### **Article 10**

SEEC shall have a budget to be approved in accordance with Article 6(5) of this Statute, provided that, when allocating the subsidy referred to in Article 11(1)(a) of this Statute, SEEC is provided with administrative and technical assistance and support in order to properly carry out its activities.

### **Article 11**

1. The financial resources of SEEC shall comprise:
  - a) the subsidy allocated in the State budget;
  - b) revenues from services, training activities and studies carried out by SEEC within its jurisdiction; and
  - c) grants and donations accepted by the Administrative Committee.
2. The resources of SEEC – referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article – shall be deposited in a separate account under SEEC's name and shall be disbursed in accordance with the administrative and financial regulations of KACST.

### **Article 12**

SEEC shall be subject to assessment by the entities represented in the Administrative Committee within four years as of the date of commencement of its duties. Said assessment shall be submitted to the Ministerial Committee for Administrative Organization for review, after the lapse of said period, to consider SEEC's need for independence.



### **Article 13**

This Statute shall enter into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.