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Mediocrity and greed must be overcome



The *Kamra tal-Periti* held its Annual General Meeting on the 6th December 2019 at the Catholic Institute in Floriana.

Perit Simone Vella Lenicker, President of the *Kamra tal-Periti*, described the past twelve months as "extraordinary". The Council had set itself an ambitious set of targets for 2019, which it worked hard to achieve despite the crisis suffered by the profession and the industry over the summer months following the collapse of a number of buildings, the subsequent halt of all demolition and excavation works, and the ensuing hasty introduction of new regulations which did not address the core problems that characterise the industry.

She outlined that substantial progress had been made on the draft amendments to the Periti Act, and that the *Kamra*'s proposals for a new Building and Construction Regulation Framework had been positively received by all the industry stakeholders. She also referred to the various changes in the industry that the *Kamra* insisted upon over the past year, and which Government has committed to effect through a <u>Letter of Commitment</u> presented to the *Kamra tal-Periti* in August. The Council will continue to work on these aspects over the coming months with a view towards achieving the much needed legislative changes in the shortest time possible.

Perit Vella Lenicker acknowledged that the challenges of the past year had a serious impact on the profession. "The current political situation and the serious challenges which our industry will be facing in the coming months have thrown an even heavier shadow over us as individuals, as a profession and as an industry." The Council is nevertheless committed, with the support of the profession, to strive "to achieve higher levels of service, and to pull the industry out of the throes of the mediocrity and greed which have engulfed it."