

# **Engineering as a Profession**

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## That Question

#### Why, why, why, why.....?

- Why should I become Chartered?
- What is your motivation for wanting to become Chartered?
- Generally two responses to the question/s:
  - an external type
  - an internal type
- Why did you study engineering? Generally one type of response.
- In response what does being Chartered mean / signify? "making a statement, on a global scale, that you are to be recognised as a competent and professional engineer while conducting yourself accordingly"



## Chartered Status – FIFA WC 2010

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## The Engineering Profession

## Is Engineering a Profession?

- Could argue that engineering is nothing more than a vocation
- Vocation definition:

Since the establishment of Vocational Guidance in 1908 by the <u>engineer</u> Frank Parsons, the use of the term "vocation" has evolved, with emphasis shifting to an individual's development of **talents** and **abilities** in the choice and enjoyment of a **career**.

- Job titles Costing Engineer, Production Engineer, Director of Engineering
- Graduates: Internship → Doctor
   Articles → Chartered Accountant
   Articles → Lawyer / Attorney
- Where does this leave us as Engineers and the Engineering Profession?



## The Engineering Profession

## Why become a Chartered / Professional Engineer....?

- Not many 'grey haired' people around with 20-30+ yrs experience
- Not too many Engineers around with 10+ yrs experience
- Being a Chartered Engineer gives you access to other Chartered Engineers
- A camaraderie exists between Chartered Engineers
- Chartered Engineers tend to be natural leaders and mentors
- Corporate Values & Leadership Frameworks tie into Chartership values
- There are currently too few Industry Professionals & Chartered Engineers
  - this is changing as numbers are steadily increasing
- Engineering needs young bright, energetic leaders to take the Profession forward



## Oil and Gas Engineering Opportunities



