

Newsletter 167

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Dear Members,

INVITATION

PRESERVATIVE TREATED TIMBER INDUSTRY

Mr. Thomas Madzivhe, General Manager for the Chemicals, Mechanical & Materials Division of the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) cordially invites all stakeholders in the above Industry to attend the meeting scheduled as follows:

Meeting Details

Date: 16 August 2010

Venue: Acacia Boardroom, 8th floor, A block, SABS Campus

1 Dr. Lategan Road

Groenkloof

Pretoria

Time: 10h00 – 13h00

Agenda

1. Welcome & attendance register.
2. Regulatory model for the compulsory specification for preserved timber.
3. Financial model & finalisation of the levy for preserved timber.
4. General.

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SAWPA 2nd ROUND OF REGIONAL MEETINGS FOR 2010

We have started making arrangements for our next round of Regional Meetings. The dates and venues for the meetings are as follows:

Aug 23	Kwa-Zulu Natal	Ascot Manor
Aug 27	Gauteng	Centurion Rugby Club
Aug 31	Limpopo	Bolivia Lodge, Pietersburg
Sept 2	Mpumalanga	Forever Resorts, Badplaas
Sept 6	Western Cape	Wood Sciences, University of Stellenbosch
Sept 10	South/Eastern Cape	Pine Lodge, cnr Saasveld & Knysna Roads

The meetings will all start at 10h00. Please advise us if you have any specific item which you would like to add to the agenda of your Regional meeting. Final agendas will be circulated shortly. Please note that the Regional Chairmen are also nominated and voted for by the members at these meetings.

For catering purposes, please advise Sue if you intend to attend the meeting/s.

SAWPA AGM

Members are reminded that the SAWPA AGM will be held on 22 September 2010 at our offices in ISANDO. Please advise us if there is any special matter you wish to add to the final Agenda, which as required in the SAWPA constitution, has to be circulated at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

NOMINATIONS FOR SAWPA CHAIRPERSON

We would also like to remind you to forward your nominations for Chairperson of the SAWPA Executive Committee as the nominations for the election of the new Chairperson have to be accepted and duly voted upon at the AGM. As per the current SAWPA constitution, the Chairperson of the Executive Committee will *ipso facto* be the chairperson of SAWPA.

INTERBUILD AFRICA 2010 – COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

The Interbuild Africa 2010 exhibition is scheduled to take place at NASREC from 8-11 September 2010. The Wood Foundation, of which SAWPA is a founding member, will be exhibiting at the show. SAWPA has received complimentary tickets to distribute to the SAWPA members. Kindly contact Sue if you are interested in attending the show and she will gladly post you your complimentary ticket/s.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESMENT REGULATIONS

GoN 544 ,EIA Regulations - Listing Notice 1: List of Activities and Competent Authorities identified in terms of section of the NEMA Act was gazetted on the 18 June 2010. The purpose of the Notice is to identify activities that require environmental authorisations prior to commencement of the activity and to identify the competent authorities.

An activity directly related to our industry, the minimum requirement for having to do an EIA when constructing or expanding infrastructure for the storage and handling of Dangerous Goods in containers, i.e. storage-, working-, mixing- and measuring tanks, have been amended from “30 m³ but not exceeding 1000 m³” to “80 m³ but not exceeding 500 m³”. It is important to remember that this is a minimum requirement and that anyone intending to construct or expand should still inquire from the relevant Authority whether or not other restrictions apply for the site where construction or expansion is required. Please contact SAWPA for a copy of GoN 544.

TALKING ROT

- SAWPA had 13994 hits on its website during June 2010
- We have purchased the AWPA 2010 Book of Standards as a reference document for our members. Please contact SAWPA should you require any specific information on a AWPA specification or test method.

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