

Newsletter 174

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Dear Members,

2010 PRESERVATIVE TREATED TIMBER STATISTICS

The 2010 statistics has been finalized and is attached for your information. Members are reminded that the figures are based on actual recorded volumes sourced from all the preservative treatment plants within South Africa. We would like to thank the staff and management of the certification bodies who assisted in collecting the information on behalf of SAWPA and the industry.

Gauging from the figures there has been a slight improvement from 2009 and we hope that this trend will continue for 2011. The building industry has been showing some signs of improvement, with further reports of slight increases in cement sales volumes. Unfortunately it is possible that the Dept. of Public Works announcement of a six-month moratorium on new building tenders is going to have a negative impact on the recovery of the building industry as a whole.

CPA WORKSHOP - More planned

The information workshop held at Browsers Garden & Home Centre on 21 June was very successful and feedback from those present all agreed that the talk by Janusz Luterek of Hahn & Hahn Attorneys on the Consumer Protection Act and how it impacted suppliers and retailers/merchant was extremely informative and eye-opening. The day was attended by approximately 60 representatives from timber merchants and large retailers, architects, chemical suppliers etc. There were even preservative treaters who travelled from as far as Nelspruit, Piet Retief, Pinetown and Greytown.

Due to the success of the day and interest raised from members we are also hoping to host similar sessions in the Southern Cape, Western Cape and KZN. The dates and times of these planned sessions will be subject to Mr Luterek's availability and further information will be communicated.

CONSUMER INFORMATION PAMPHLET

One of the key points raised at the above mentioned workshop was the importance of passing crucial product information and warnings onto the supply chain and end users and how industry Associations can and must play a leading role in this. As indicated in our previous newsletter No. 173 dated 27 May 2011 we have issued an A4 pamphlet on "What you need to know when buying and using preservative treated timber". Copies of the pamphlet are available from SAWPA on request. The pamphlet is also available on our website at www.sawpa.org.za under the Information section with the heading "Buying & Using Treated Timber", for downloading and making your own copies. We urge our members to make use of the pamphlets.

NRCS Registration deadline

We would like to remind our members of the NRCS registration requirement that was communicated in our newsletter 172 of 19 April 2011. The registration form is available from SAWPA or can directly be obtained and electronically submitted at www.nrccs.org.za. The link is situated on the homepage at the right hand top of the page under the heading "Registration form". According to the NRCS webpage the initial closing date of 30 June has been moved to 31 July 2011.

TALKING ROT

- Hits to the SAWPA website during May totalled 9728.
- AWPAs 2011 book of Standards – SAWPA has acquired the 2011 hardcopy as well as the CD of the AWPAs Book of Standards. Members are welcome to contact Sue should you require any information or a referenced standard.

WoodEX for Africa - Moved to March 2012

The WoodDEX for Africa Exhibition and Conference that was originally planned for September 2011 has, after wider consultation and advice from several stakeholders and interested parties, been moved to 22-24 March 2012. The exhibition aims to bring suppliers and manufacturers in the timber industry in direct contact with existing and new clients, installers, manufacturers, retailers, and now also the public.

For more information please visit the website at www.woodexforafrica.com

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