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Dear Members,

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we inform our members of the passing of Dan Peoples from Pull Scar Timbers in Mpumalanga. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dan's family, friends, and colleagues who are mourning this sad and sudden loss.

NOTICE OF REGIONAL MEETINGS

As a result of some pressing issues which we need to convey and discuss with members it has been decided that there is a need for earlier than normal regional meetings.

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| KZN | 25 February 2013 | Ascot Conference Centre 217 Woodhouse Road Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg |
| SOUTHERN CAPE - GEORGE | 27 February 2013 | Pine Lodge Cnr Saasveld and Knysna Roads, George |
| WESTERN CAPE - STELLENBOSCH | 1 March 2013 | Wood Sciences Department University of Stellenbosch |
| GAUTENG | 5 March 2013 | Shumba Valley Lodge Pelindaba Road, Lanseria |
| MPUMALANGA | 6 March 2013 | Badplaas Forever Resort Hotel & Conference Centre |
| LIMPOPO | 8 March 2013 | Fair View Lodge - Tzaneen |

ALL THE MEETINGS START AT 10H00

For seating and catering purposes please advise Sue on 011 974 1061
or at sawpa@global.co.za whether you will be attending or not

Agenda to follow soon

SANS 1288 Ed3.3:2012 – Preservative-treated timber

We would like to inform our members that SANS 1288 Ed3.3:2012 (i.e. amendment 3) has been approved and published and is available from the SABS standards sales department.

The following is an abstract of the amendment. *“Amended to update referenced standards, change the definition of “general purpose pole” to “non-structural pole”, renumber definitions accordingly, change the requirements for moisture content before preservative treatment, modify the requirements of the depth of penetration of preservative into sapwood, update tables 1, 2 and 3, include a new table on preservative-treated round hardwood products and include round droppers.”*

All plants certified for SANS 1288 are required to obtain a copy to ensure compliance with the latest requirements of the National Standard and the certification conditions as the changes become effective on date of publication.

The standard can be purchase online at <https://www.sabs.co.za/index.php?page=standardspurchase> or contact sales@sabs.co.za or 012 428 6883.

CONCERNS WITH REGARD PRODUCT CERTIFICATION FUNCTIONS

SAWPA would like to advise members to have the candidness to interact directly with the management of the respective certification bodies over concerns regarding the certification functions, e.g. service delivery, product conformance, audit and inspection findings etc., which you cannot satisfactorily resolve with the appointed regional inspector and/or freely discuss with him. Members are also reminded that you are a partner in the certification agreement and therefore have a responsibility to ensure that your permit conditions are fulfilled.



TIMBER TALKS AT WOOD EX FOR AFRICA 2013 – CALL FOR PAPERS

Members of the timber industry are invited to submit topics and suggest speakers for “Timber Talks” being held during WoodEX for Africa 2013, hosted at Gallagher Convention Centre from 21 to 23 March 2013. A first at WoodEX this year, the “Timber Talks” are a number of short presentations which will take place within WoodEX exhibition and which will provide a dynamic and interactive learning experience for visitors and exhibitors at the expo.

The organisers of WoodEX are looking for high quality speakers who will discuss the aesthetic, commercial and technical possibilities of timber. “Timber Talks” will offer visitors the chance to stay up-to-date with the latest developments in the industry, so if you have an innovative product or make use of new cutting edge methods they would like to hear from you. The “Timber Talk” programme will consist of 20 minute slots for presentations and, from the list of suggestions received; a range of topics and speakers will be selected who will be invited to share the Timber Talks platform.

Interested parties should submit a brief description of the topic and suggested speaker by e-mail to info@woodexforafrica.com before 28 February 2013.

The WoodEX for Africa exhibition will feature exhibitors showcasing innovative timber and woodworking products and services such as woodworking machinery, decking, flooring, structured timber, timber treating, saw milling and logging, pulp and paper manufacturing and wood material and veneer production. For more information about WoodEX for Africa 2013, including exhibition packages and sponsorship opportunities, visit the WoodEX website at www.woodexforafrica.com.

LETTERS OF COMPLAINT RELATING TO CCA END USES

We would like to inform our members of highly emotional letters of complaint which has been submitted by an individual to various government departments and other high profile organization regarding the dangers of CCA used in certain end use applications. An initial task team was put together to look at the letter of complaints and to devise a response to the Registrar of Act 36 of 1947. The services of a specialist consultant have also been obtained to assist us in the matter. Due to the sensitivity of the matter, members are requested to attend the forthcoming regional meetings where details of the complaints and actions and decisions taken so far will be discussed as well as the members input and opinions be obtained for future action to be taken.

TALKING ROT

- Hits to the SAWPA website during December and January were 35 258 and 44 897 respectively.
- An online article entitled '[Occurrence of CCA-treated timber in caterers' fuelwood stocks in the Cape Town region](#)' was published in a recent edition of the South African Journal of Science. Members interested in reading this article can click on the aforementioned link or contact SAWPA for a copy of the article.

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