



Dear Members,

2013 INDUSTRY STATISTICS

We are pleased to announce that the 2013 wood preservation industry statistics have finally been completed and would like to thank all the industry stakeholders (members and non-members of SAWPA) who assisted in making this possible, i.e. all the treatment plants, the certification body personnel, etc. Please see attached copy of the statistics for your information. Although the data is compiled by SAWPA, it is done for the benefit and interest of all interested stakeholders in the industry.

“WORKSHOP” PLANNED FOR PENDING CCA COMPLAINT

SAWPA has been informed by the Registrar of Act 36 of 1947 that a workshop will be held to deliberate and decide on the matter related to the complaint raised by Mr W Goodwin against the continued unrestricted registration of CCA preservatives and more specifically the use of CCA treated timber in areas where children are exposed to contact with the timber, i.e. children's playground equipment. With all the work and cost that was put into the matter in 2012/3, which resulted in the positive report from INFOTOX and the detailed legal response letter by ENSafrica, it was hoped that the Registrar will base his final decision on these submittals subsequent to giving the complainant opportunity to respond. This however seems not to be the case and the next and possibly final process where the Registrar will come to a decision on whether or not CCA will be restricted in certain end-applications will be made following a formal workshop. It is understood that this workshop will be in the format of a “public hearing” where all stakeholders will be given the opportunity to voice their position. SAWPA has, after consultation with the CCA suppliers, SAWPA Executive, INFOTOX and ENSafrica, notified the Registrar on Tuesday the 17th of June that we will attend the Workshop and that our delegation will be made up of representatives of the aforementioned groups including an international regulatory expert from LONZA who has been involved with similar cases internationally. We further requested the Registrar that a notification period of at least 4 to 5 weeks needs to be given so that we can ensure all the representatives are available for the workshop and that we be informed of whom all the interested parties invited to workshop will be. We have not received a response from the Registrar and will keep members updated of any developments.

SAWPA'S PRESENCE AT UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

Following on our participation at the third WoodEX for Africa exhibition held from 5 to 7 June 2014 we are also set to participate at the following exhibitions planned for later this year:

- Cape Construction Expo, 13-14 August 2014 – CTICC, Cape Town
- Interbuild Africa, 20-23 August 2014 – Nasrec, Johannesburg
- Gauteng Farmers Conference & Expo, 2-3 October 2014 – CSIR ICC, Pretoria

More information will be made available closer to the time for pre-registration and attendance purposes. Should you however consider participation as an exhibitor and require the details sooner, please contact Sue.

BBBEE - ALIGNMENT OF SECTOR CODES WITH AMENDED GENERIC CODES

Members will be aware that in October 2013 the Minister of DTI approved and published the amended Codes of Good Practice for measuring BBBEE. Subsequently all sector codes, including the Forest Sector Charter Code; need to be aligned with the amended new generic codes. The initial date that the alignments had to be enacted and operational was 12 months from date of publication, but this date has since been extended with a further period of 6 months to April 2015. SAWPA would like to inform members that the alignment of the Forest Sector Charter Code has been put in process through various workshops and sessions of the council starting in April 2014, and that a plenary session is planned for all Forest Charter Council members on the 1st and 2nd of July. The Forest Industry sectors, i.e. the growers and the various primary producing sectors are all well represented at the council and will endeavour that the industry's interest and position is presented.

TALKING ROT

- Remember to re-order more product safety warning labels from Sue (free of charge). It is recommended that at least 10% of all treated timber dispatched from your plant should be labelled prior to despatch.
- Members are requested to please forward Sue an electronic copy of your company logo/trademark, which we require for a new ad campaign we are planning to develop and use as part of our promotional objectives.
- Hits to the SAWPA website during May were 64054.

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