



Dear Members,

NOTICE OF SAWPA REGIONAL MEETINGS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are notified of the second round of SAWPA regional meetings for 2015 to be held on the dates and venues given below. Any member wishing to formally add an item for discussion can send the details to SAWPA for inclusion on the agenda. Please indicate whether it is intended for discussion in your specific region or whether or not you would like to add it as a national discussion point at all the regional meetings. In cases where preparation may be required by SAWPA the required background details need to be submitted together with the agenda item. Members are reminded that during this round of meetings the Regional Chairmen who represent the various regions on the SAWPA Executive Committee, are nominated and appointed by the members present. Nominations can be submitted to SAWPA prior to the meetings or at each meeting.

Regional Meeting Schedule and Venues

Mpumalanga	3 September 2015	Forever Resort Hotel and Conference Centre, Badplaas
Gauteng/Northwest	7 September 2011	Shumba Valley Lodge – Pelindaba Rd, Lanseria
Kwa Zulu Natal	11 September 2015	Victoria Country Club, Pietermaritzburg
Limpopo	14 September 2015	<u>Pietersburg Club</u> , 119 Suid Str, Polokwane
Southern/Eastern Cape	16 September 2015	NNMU Saasveld Campus, George
Western Cape	18 September 2015	Wood Sciences Department, University of Stellenbosch

**All the regional meetings will start at 10:00.
Refreshments will be served prior to, and lunch following the meetings.
For seating and catering purposes please advise Sue on 011 974 1061
or at sawpa@global.co.za if you are able to attend or not.**

NOTICE OF SAWPA CHEMICAL FORUM, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Members are hereby notified of the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held as given below. The Chemical Forum and Executive Committee meeting dates are also given. The agendas for these meetings will be made available closer to the dates. Items that any member may wish to have added to the respective agendas for discussion must be forwarded to SAWPA.

Chemical Forum	29 September	13:00	SAWPA Boardroom, SAFCA Building, 6 Hulley Rd, Isando
Executive Committee	30 September	9:00	SAWPA Boardroom, SAFCA Building, 6 Hulley Rd, Isando
SAWPA AGM	30 September	13:00	SAFCA Boardroom, 6 Hulley Rd, Isando

NEGATIVE OUTLOOK FOR CREOSOTE SUPPLIES

For some years now we have been aware of a consistent shortage of creosote availability. In part this has been dealt with by the suppliers managing their supply in such a way to ensure all plants get a fair share of what was available, whilst some of the volumes have also been converted to alternatives such as CCA. Following an urgent meeting on the 5th of August attended by the creosote suppliers and creosote users, it became apparent that the situation is not going to improve, but rather worsen. There is a looming possibility that shortages may become a serious crisis if alternative and additional sources of coal tar raw material for the production of creosote, is not found soon. The reasons for the imminent increased shortages are various, but are mainly caused by the current depression of the world economy, decreased ferrous metal and steel production, raw material supply chain plant maintenance, etc. There seems to be some hope of alternative and additional suitable sources, which both the suppliers, i.e. AMCC and FFS, are fervently busy investigating and hopefully these will come to fruition. Members will be kept informed of the progress by their respective suppliers and SAWPA, as soon as more information becomes available.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

SAWPA's planned involvement in research projects of importance and relevance to the wood preservation industry is gaining momentum and work on a protocol document for the first research project is well under way. This first project will be aimed towards research on eucalyptus pole treatment as there has been a high occurrence of pre-mature failures reported. The key objectives included at this point in time relates to determining the maximum average sapwood content of the available 50 mm to 150 mm pole material grown in the different resource regions, determining the minimum effective CCA and Creosote sapwood retentions (as well as establishing total volume retentions) required to adequately ensure long-term durability in critical ground contact applications against fungal decay, and determining the maximum average tannin content of eucalyptus grandis (including the different hybrids) and its influence on fixation of CCA in eucalyptus poles.

AMENDMENTS TO NRCS LEVIES AND TARIFFS

The latest annual amendments to the NRCS fees were published in GoN 644 of 24 July 2015. The amended fees include all the levies and other tariffs, e.g. application for approvals and renewal of approval fees which will be effective from July 2015 onwards. The fees and tariffs were raised with a 6% increment.

Commodity Description	Unit	New Tariff per Unit	Product Certification Type 5 Tariff per Unit
Preservative Treated Timber (VC 9092)	1 m ³	R1.18	R1.06
Application fee for the approval of a manufacturing facility for the preservative treatment of timber – Non refundable	Per facility	R1 202.00	-
Application for the extension of approval – Non refundable	Per facility/type	R506.00	-
Application for a sales permit – Non refundable	Per application	R2 640.00	

NEWSLETTER OFF-CUTS

- Hits to the SAWPA website in June and July 2015 was 35 259 and 42 064 respectively.
- **Cape Town Homemakers Fair.** SAWPA will be exhibiting at this year's Cape Town Homemakers Fair to be held from 27 to 30 August at the CTICC. This will be the second of its sort where SAWPA will be interacting with the general public directly, following the Johannesburg Homemakers Fair held earlier this year.

- **SAWPA @ XIV World Forestry Congress:** SAWPA will be participating in the SA Forestry Industry's integrated pavilion exhibit space together with FSA and other industry bodies as well as private companies during the World Forestry Congress in Durban from 7-11 September 2015. Members interested in attending the congress can visit the official XIV World Forestry Congress website www.wfc2015.org.za for more information.
- **SAFETY LABELS:** Remember to request your rolls of the safety labels from SAWPA. This is at no cost to SAWPA members. The safety labelling of treated timber will become a requirement when the revised Edition 8 of SANS 10005 is finalised and therefore safety labeling will no longer just be a recommendation.
- **POSITION AVAILABLE:** A sales and marketing representative position (specialising in poles) is available for suitably qualified candidates. For more information on the position please contact sawpa@global.co.za or alternatively contact hendrik.verwey@swaziplant.com directly.

NEED TO DO SERIOUSLY DEEP PENETRATION TESTS?
TRY THE 1.5 m x 12 mm HAGLOF INCREMENT BORER
SOURCED BY ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURES FOR BAOBAB RESEARCH PURPOSES



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