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MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN COLLIERY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE SASOL CLUB, SECUNDA ON 12 JANUARY 2006 AT 09:00

PRESENT: Mr P I van der Linde, Chairman and 42 members and guests as per the attached attendance register.

APOLOGIES As per attendance register.

1 **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and in particular the President, Mr M J Bleeker and Past President Mr W Uys.

The Chairman thanked Sasol Mining for hosting the Association and Mr J F Janse van Rensburg for making the arrangements for the day.

2. **GOOD PRACTICE AND SAFETY**

The following safety achievements were noted:

- * Middelburg Mine had achieved one million manhours without a lost workday case;
- * New Clydesdale Colliery had achieved one thousand fatality free production shifts;
- * Matla No 2 Mine had achieved six thousand fatality free shifts;
- * Dorstfontein had achieved four thousand fatality free production shifts;
- * Forzando had achieved six thousand fatality free shifts;
- * Phoenix Colliery had achieved four thousand fatality free shifts; and
- * Glisa Colliery had achieved 15555 fatality free production shifts.

Members reported on the following incidents:

- the President, Mr M J Bleeker asked members to comment on the recent accident at SAGO Colliery in the United States as there were possible

learning experiences for the South African Coal Mining Industry from this tragic incident.

Mr WMarais noted that a recent article had indicated that a barrier had been erected or was in the position near where the bodies of the miners were found. Mr Marais stated that the explosion had not been set off by the workers who had returned to work and had subsequently being killed. Only one miner had been killed by the explosion the remainder had suffocated when their oxygen supply from the self-contained self-rescuers had run out.

Mr Bleeker asked that the safety forum endeavour to establish more details concerning the accident as this should be evaluated and could be used by the Association to avoid similar incidents happening on South African Collieries.

- Mr Marais read out a report on various safety behaviour findings noting that these included:
 - the acceptance of safety as a core value;
 - insufficient by in acceptance by employees of the safety values;
 - resistance to change;
 - top down implementation of safety behaviour values;
 - impact of management structure where the Head Offices were not mine located; and
 - no conscientious by in accepting the safety behaviour set by the mine.
- Mr G Trivet reported on a the coal mine accidents statistics noting that the fatalities were lower than the previous year and threat there had been some improvement at mines on reportable accidents but overall there had been little change to the rates. The safety forum safety statistics were not up to date.
- Mr Marais noted that within the targets and milestones accepted by the Mining Industry, to which SACMA had given its whole hearted report that the Coal Mining Industry needed to improve 20% year on year and that urgent focus was needed by the Coal miens to achieve this.
- The Chairman noted with regret that Ms M Hermanus, Chief Inspector of Mines had resigned from the DME. SACMA Council would endeavour to develop and new working relationship with whoever was appointed to succeed her.

The Chairman noted that there was a change by the DME in its approach to the holding of inquiries and an increase focus on the safety performance of certain mines. The DME had increased the issuing of Section 54's and that members should check and verify whether they varied exemptions were still in place particularly with regard to the manager of the mine living off the mining site.

The following accidents were reported upon:

- Mr W Uys reported on a fatality when a miner had been killed by a fall of ground. The miner had been found under a section of unsupported roof. Mr Uys gave details of the accident and the possible causes. Mr Uys reported that he was investigating the modification of reflected sticks which indicated how near to an unsupported roof that miners were approaching and would also reinforce the behaviour that where equipment was damaged it should be immediately withdrawn from use.
- Questioned on how miners could provide temporary support to a roof when the only way to do this was to go under the unsupported roof. Mr J du Plooy, Goedehoop Colliery reported that his mine had imported equipment to avoid the situation where miners would have to enter an unsupported roof area to put in temporary support. Mr du Plooy undertook to share the details of this with members via the Secretary.
- Forzando reported on a reportable injury which had occurred to a CM operator on 7 January 2006 following fall of ground. Details of the accident was reported. The CM operator was in an improper position to close to close to the CM at the time of the fall of ground. Members were warned to be observant on the possible changing roof conditions.
- Members noted that the maximum of your brother's keeper was not well supported on the mines.
- In a final comment the Chairman stated that learning processes must be reinforced and recommended the training on roof bolters be investigated.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2005**

The minutes of the Northern Regional Meeting held on 17 November 2005 were confirmed.

4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Next Meeting. The Chairman reported that the next Northern Regional Meeting would be held on 16 March 2006. The Chairman asked for a host. Xstrata Coal volunteered to host the next meeting at Tweefontein Recreation Club. Mr F Kritzinger undertook to book the club and make the necessary arrangements.

Intermine Technical Visits. The Chairman reported that the next Intermine technical visit would be held on 18 January 2006 with a visit to Arnot Colliery. The next Intermine technical visit after that would be to Landau Colliery on February 2006.

The Chairman reminded members that if members and employees from your mine indicated their intention of attending they should do so. Historically there were a number of members who had indicated their intention to attend had failed to arrive and had caused the host mine considerable unnecessary expenditure.

A Mabbett was the new Chairman of the Northern Regional Meeting for 2006. The Chairman asked members if there were any other nominations and if not whether they approved of Mr Mabbett as the Chairman. Members accepted the nomination of Mr Mabbett as the Northern Regional Chairman for 2006 and congratulated him on his appointment.

The Chairman proposed Mr M Vetri as the Vice-Chairman for 2006 and this was also accepted by members at the meeting.

5. **REPORT BACK FROM COUNCIL**

The Chairman reported on the following matters discussed at the SACMA Council meeting on 5 January 2006.

ECSA. The Association had submitted its application to be recognised as a Voluntary Association within ECSA. The Chairman noted that certain criteria had to be met to maintain the Associations Voluntary Associations status, this was the 30% of Ordinary members had to be registered with ECSA and 51% of Council by June 2006. There were two further ECSA registration committee meetings at which a members application could be approved. The Chairman asked members to make every effort to submit their applications as timeously as possible to meet these deadlines. The Chairman noted that on the SACMA website there was a template of a completed ECSA application form which would assist members when completing their own.

The Chairman noted that it was likely to become more difficult for members to register with ECSA and they should take this opportunity during the window period to get their applications submitted.

Annual General Meeting. The Chairman reported that the Annual General Meeting would take place on 24 February 2006 at the Johannesburg Country Club. Ballot voting forms would be forwarded to ordinary members in order for them to vote.

Nominations for Council. The following nominations for Council for 2006/2007 had been received:

- R Alberts;
- C P Aspeling;
- J P M Fullard;
- J F Janse van Rensburg;
- M Z T Masondo;
- R Roach;
- P A Scheepers;
- M Vet.

Website. The website was still been revised with new design and an upgrading

Coalsafe 2006. The Chairman reminded members that the theme for Coalsafe 2006 was “Clean Coal” and the launch would take place on 9 March 2006 at the Witbank Civic Centre. The Chairman commented the launch would not include an Industrial Theater this year.

MQA. The Chairman reported that there had been a presentation at Council with regard to MQA learnerships. This presentation had been very positively received by the Council and relationships would be developed in order to assist with the placing of learners at mines. In addition the METF would be developing their relationship with MQA.

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentations were made:

- * Safe Making Behaviour at Brandspruit No 2 Shaft by Mr J Steyn;
and
- * Suspension Support Mining Methods at Sigma Colliery by Mr F Hunter.

After the presentations the Chairman thanked both presenters for their excellent presentations which had provided some interesting learning experiences for members. The presenters undertook to forward copies of their presentation on CD to the Secretary.

Subsequent to the minutes the Secretary reported that a CD had been received from Mr F Hunter on his presentation.

7. **MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES**

The following members received their membership certificates:

- * Mr J van Hyssteen;
- * H Mokwena;
- * L Mkize
- * J Radebe.

8. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Chairman asked members for their feedback on the value they had received with regard to the meeting and whether any improvements could be made.

Members unanimously supported the view that the two presentations had been both practical and of value to them and in addition the general discussion on the safety and good practice had been excellent.

The Chairman reported that a newsletter was circulated monthly following Council meetings by the Secretariat updating members on various Association activities and the work currently being undertaken by the Council.

The Chairman on closing the meeting thanked Mr J F Janse van Rensburg for hosting the Association and members for their contribution and attendance.

Mr M J Bleeker, President, thanked Mr P I van der Linde for his work as the Chairman of the Northern Regional meeting over the past two years. Mr Bleeker stated that the support and attendance by Mr van der Linde and his hard work on encouraging and motivating both the presenters and members.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:30.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN

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SOUTH AFRICAN COLLIERY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

**REGIONAL MEETING: 12 JANUARY
2006**

MEMBERS

SCRUM INN

NAME	MINE	PRESENT	APOL	NO SHOW
BECHT E	GOEDEHOOP		*	
BLEEKER M J	NEW CLYDESDALE	*		
BOSHOFF L	MIDDELBULT		*	
BOTHA J	SASOL MINING		*	
CAMPBELL M	ACPS	*		
CHIRIGO W	TWISTDRAAI		*	
COETZEE J G	BOSJESSPRUIT			*
COETZEE P	KLEINKOPJE		*	
COLLINS J	FORZANDO	*		
DANCKERT	INGWE		*	
DE BRUIN T	INGWE		*	
DE SWARDT D	TWISTDRAAI	*		
DONALDSON C	ACPS		*	
DU PLOOYD	EYESIZWE	*		
DU PLOOY M H	NEW DENMARK	*		
DU PREEZ J J	BOSJESSPRUIT	*		
ELLIOT M	SPITZKOP		*	
FOURIE D B	ESKOM		*	
HOARE D	INGWE		*	
HUGO R	RIETSPRUIT	*		
HUNTER F	PRESENTER	*		
JANSE VAN VUUREN J F	BRANDSPRUIT	*		
JENNINGS R E	INGWE		*	
JORDAAN J P	SASOL MINING		*	
JOUBERT N	BRANDSPRUIT	*		
KABINDE T	KRIEL	*		
KASONGO P	ARNOT			*
KASTON T V	KLEINKOPJE		*	
KNOX F	DOUGLAS	*		
KRITZINGER P	XSTRATA COAL	*		
KRUGEL G	NEW DENMARK	*		
KRUGEL K	DORSTFONTEIN	*		
LABUSCHAGNE H	BOSJESSPRUIT	*		
LAWSON M	NEW DENMARK		*	
LEWARNE C	TWISTDRAAI			*
LOCK J	SASOL MINING	*		
LOUW K	MIDDELBULT		*	

LOUW P	SASOL MINING	*		
LOUWRENS B	MIDDELBULT	*		
MABBETT A B	TOTAL COAL	*		
MARAIS W	ANGLO COAL	*		
MASONDO M Z T	MAFUBE	*		
MATINHIRE I	UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA		*	
MATTISON K	KRIEL			*
MCADAM D	ACPS		*	
MILLER D	NEW DENMARK		*	
MKHIZE L	KLEINKOPJE	*		
MOKWENA H	MATLA	*		
MONTGOMERY J	BRANDSPRUIT	*		
MPEPE M	GOEDEHOOP	*		
MULDER L	EXPECTRA		*	
NEL J R	EYESIZWE		*	
NGCOBO B	MIDDELBULT			*
OLWAGEN N	SASOL MINING	*		
RADEBE J	MIDDELBURG MINE	*		
RAMOKHOTHOANE M ROWLAND J	MIDDELBULT BOSJESSPRUIT	*		*
SCHEEPERS J	GRINAKE		*	
STAPELBERG D J	MATLA	*		
STEENKAMP	GRINAKE		*	
STEYN J	PRESENTER	*		
TALJAARD D	GOEDEHOOP		*	
TERBLANCHE P A	DELMAS COAL	*		
TOLLEMACHE W	NEW DENMARK	*		
TRIVETT G	SASOL MINING	*		
TSOTETSI A S	KLEINKOPJE	*		
UYS W	SASOL MINING	*		
VANAARDWEG H	TOTAL COAL	*		
VAN DER LINDE P	NBC	*		
VANECK N J	BOSJESSPRUIT		*	
VAN HUYSSTEEN H	SANDVIK	*		
VAN JAARVELD	SHOSHLOZA	*		
VANNIEKERK D	KUMBA		*	
VAN VUUREN P	VOEST ALPINE	*		
VETI M	ARNOT	*		
WRIGHT S	NEW DENMARK		*	