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**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN COLLIERY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION HOSTED BY DOUGLAS  
COLLIERY ON 15 JUNE 2006 AT 09:15**

**PRESENT:** Mr M Veti, Chairman and 29 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 Past President, Mr R E Jennings.

The Chairman asked members to sign the attendance register and to update their membership database information which was being circulated.

The Chairman thanked Mr T de Bruin, representing Douglas Colliery for making the arrangements for the day.

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentations were made;

- An introduction on Douglas Colliery Operations by Mr T de Bruin
- Flood Disaster at Arndt Colliery by M Bartle and Mr S Jewaskiewitz from Envirotech Solutions;
- Optimisation at Douglas Colliery and Middelburg Mine Services Projects; and
- Mission Directed Teams at Douglas Colliery by Mrs J Bath, IOS Project Co-Ordinator, BHP Billiton.

After the presentations during which there had been some interesting debate the Chairman thanked the presenters for their most informative and practical presentations.

### 3. **GOOD PRACTICE AND SAFETY**

The Chairman reported that Sasol Mining had achieved 2.3. million manhours without a recordable injury.

There were a number of accidents reported on by members which had included:

- an incident at Delmas when an injury had occurred during maintenance of machinery. It was important to note that initial inspections and examinations were very important before maintenance took place; and
- Kumba recorded three fatalities in an opencast dolomitic mine. Where a truck brakes had failed going down an incline and had rammed into a vehicle transporting employees at the opencast mine. Members were warned such occurrences could happen on coal mines.

**SACMA Safety Forum**. Mr J Botha presented the latest accident statistics on graphs. Commenting that there had been a relative year on year improvement in accidents although January and February had been particularly bad months.

Mr Botha reported on a fatality at a construction site at Bosjesspruit Mine when a sub contractor had been killed when refilling fire extinguisher bottles. Mr Botha reported that the on site contractors had commissioned a sub contracting company to service the fire extinguishers and that the fire extinguishers had been serviced on site. This not normally allowed by Sasol. Mr Botha reported that access control at the new opencast site would be improvement and a commitment made to ensure that such work was carried out at a workshop and not on site.

Mr Botha also reported on an accident at Sasolburg where a contractor had been employed to clean up chemical waste and the truck had exploded. Mr Botha recommended that mines ensure that sub contractors were compliant with the same stringent requirements applicable to the mines main contractors.

The three graphs presented were

- reportable place rates;
- lost workday cases; and
- fatality case rates.

### 4. **REPORT BACK FROM SACMA COUNCIL**

Mr R E Jennings reported that Council had provided an updated mandate to the MPA Steering Committee on the position of the certificated manager and that this view would be put to the MQA and other stakeholders shortly. Mr Jennings reported that the MPA's position was to support the view of a regulatory

intervention for the appointment of managers and engineers as the respective competent persons in the Mining Industry. A minimum requirement for a recognised qualification registered with SAQA as well as a registration with the respective registration authority (ECSA) shall be specified as a requirement.

In addition the owner would appoint or license the manager and engineer on an operation who would be registered with ECSA in the appropriate category required for that type of operations. The manager or engineer in turn would appoint other persons for specific operations based on a risk assessment taking into account the regulatory requirements as well as requirements of that particular operation. There would be no requirement to lodge these appointments with any other body but such documents should be held by the mine.

The MPAs recognised that certain other professions that require registration with their respective authorities, for example surveyors.

Mr Jennings reported that there still remained some debate on the appointment of subordinate managers and engineers and whether this should be done by the appointed manager and or engineer or by the respective Head Offices had still to be determined.

Mr Jennings commented that first level managers and engineers would have to be registered with ECSA and that appointments would be made based on the individuals expertise and knowledge and his registration with ECSA. For this reason it was very important for members to be registered with ECSA as soon as possible.

5. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2006**

The minutes of the Northern Regional Meeting held on 16 March 2006 were approved.

6. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Chairman asked that the matters not already included in the agenda from the minutes should be raised under General at the end of the meeting

7. **GENERAL**

7.1. **Northern Regional Meeting**. The Chairman reported that the next Regional meeting would be held on 13 July 2006. The Chairman, Mr A B Mabbett would source a venue and papers for that meeting.

- 7.2. **Intermine Technical Visits.** The Chairman reported that the next Intermine technical visit would take place to Dorstfontein Colliery on 21 June 2006. The Chairman emphasised the need for junior managers and mine overseers to participate in these intermine technical visits as it was an important learning opportunity for them and that many of the incidents that were reported on at the intermine technical visits eventually were included in the examination questions for the mine managers certificate.
- 7.3. **ECSA.** Mr R E Jennings advised members that it was very important that they registered with ECSA taking into account the Association's view with regard to registration, licensing and qualifications for certificated managers. Mr Jennings reported that registration with ECSA would mean that the person was considered competent. It was currently easier to register on your current ticket with your experience but that future registration would become more complex for members.

Mr Jennings commented that there would be a proposal on a new set of qualifications to replace the mine managers ticket from probably October 2006. This would be in place by mid 2007. The current mine managers ticket would be grandfathered but that there were certain ramifications in the new engineering bill which was being legislated by October 2006 which might impact on members' qualification and registration. In the new engineering bill it proposed that a person would not be able to take charge of equipment or machinery unless they were registered with ECSA, thereby deeming them competent.

- 7.4. **Continuing Professional Development.** Mr R E Jennings reported that ECSA's continuing professional development programme was in place from 1 January 2006 and was applicable to all ECSA registered members. Members would lose their registration if they did not earn enough CPD points annually. Mr Jennings then illustrated the three main categories in which ECSA registered members could earn credits as well as the number of credits required each year per category.
- 7.4. **Future Presentations.** The Chairman noted the following future presentations had been offered.
- \* Noise Reduction by E Becht; and
  - \* Radiation Detection by M M ohring.

In addition the following topics were considered suitable for presentation at the Northern Regional Meetings

- \* Skilled Shortages;

- \* Wet Scrubbers; and
- \* Sasol Long wall Collapse.

9. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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

Members unanimously supported the view that the presentations had been both practical and of value to them and in general the discussions afterwards on safety and good practices had been excellent.

The Chairman on closing the meeting thanked Mr T de Bruin and the General Manager of Douglas Colliery, Mr L Fanoë for hosting the Association members. The Chairman thanked members for attending the meeting and for their contribution and there being no further business the meeting closed at 12:45.

**CONFIRMED**

**CHAIRMAN**

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**SOUTH AFRICAN COLLIERY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION**

REGIONAL MEETING: 15 JUNE 2006

**MEMBERS****DOUGLAS REC CLUB**

NAME	MINE	PRESENT	APOL	NO SHOW
ANDREWS S	SANDVIK	*		
BARTLE M	PRESENTER	*		
BATH MRS Y	PRESENTER	*		
BLEEKER MJ	NEW CLYDESDALE		*	
BOTHA J F	SASOL MINING	*		
BOTHA J F	SASOL MINING		*	
BYE N	GOEDEHOOP	*		
CAMPBELL M	ACPS	*		
COETZEE D	MIDDELBURG MINE			*
COETZEE DH J	KLIPSPRUIT			
COOPER D	MIDDELBURG MINE	*		
CUNNEY M	NEW VAAL	*		
DE BRUIN T	DOUGLAS	*		
DE SWARDT D	TWISTDRAAI	*		
DE WET PP	KRIEL			*
DONALDSON K	ACPS			*
DOUGALL AW	UNIVERSITY OF JHB	*		
DU PREEZ JOHAN	BRANDSFRUIT	*		
DUNFORD W	NEW VAAL	*		
EDWARDS M	GOEDEHOOP	*		
ELLIOTT M	XSTRATA COAL		*	
FRONEMAN L	GOEDEHOOP		*	
GLAESER F	GOEDEHOOP		*	
GROBLER H	INGWE HEAD OFFICE	*		
HOARE D	DOUGLAS			
HUGO R	RIETSPRUIT			*
JANSE VAN VUUREN K	BRANDSFRUIT		*	
JANSEN VAN VUUREN K	BRANDSFRUIT			*
JENNINGS R	INGWE	*		
JOSEPH L	SYFERFONTEIN			*
KRUGEL K	DORSTFONTEIN		*	
LAWSON M	NEW DENMARK	*		
LE ROUX P	TWISTDRAAI	*		
LOCK J J	SASOL MINING	*		
LOUW P	SASOL MINING			*
LOUWRENS B	MIDDELBULT	*		
MABBETT A	TOTAL COAL		*	
MACFARLANE I	BUFFER TRADE		*	
MAHAYE P P	BRANDSFRUIT	*		

MAMABOLO J	NEW VAAL	*	
MARAIS W	ANGLO OPERATIONS	*	
MARTIN L	KRIEL		*
MAZIBUKO P	ACPS	*	
MOGALE G	NEW DENMARK	*	
MOKWENA H	MATLA		*
MPEPE M	GOEDEHOOP	*	
PAPENFUS H	ARNOT		*
PONGWENI T	KOORNFONTEIN	*	
SIBANYONI E	KOORNFONTEIN		*
SILVER C	MATLA	*	
SNYMAN W	GOEDEHOOP		*
TALJAARD D	GOEDEHOOP		*
TERBLANCHE P A	DELMAS COAL	*	
TLALA M	SASOL NITRO	*	
TSOTETSI A S	KLEINKOPJE	*	
VAN JAARVELD K	OPTIMUM	*	
VAN VUUREN P	SANDVIK		*
VAN WYNGAARDT B VETI M	TWISTDRAAI ARNOT	*	*
VOGEL D	NEW CLYDESDALE		*
WILLIAMS G	KRIEL		*