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**NOTE FOR THE RECORD OF THE JOINT COAL ASSOCIATIONS GENERAL MEETING HELD AT GREENFIELDS LODGE, SECUNDA ON 15 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 09:10**

**PRESENT:** Mr J F Janse van Vuuren, Chairman and 65 members and presenters.

1 **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed all members of the Associations to the meeting, commenting that it was a unique opportunity to network across numerous disciplines.

The Chairman welcomed Mr S W J van Wyk, President, SACEA and Past Presidents W M arais (SACMA), M J Bleeker (SACMA) and G J van Vuuren (SACAFMA).

The Chairman reported that apologies had been received from Presidents, Mrs S E Ndimande (SACHRA), J F Janse van Rensburg (SACEPA) and F van der Westhuizen (SACAFMA).

The Chairman referred to SACMA and SACEA members need to register with ECSA.

The Chairman asked members to ensure that they had signed the attendance register.

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

The following presentations were made:

**SACHRA**

Xstrata Coal Industrial Theatre on HIV/AIDS Awareness

**SACEA**

SANS 1589: Braking Performance of Trackless Mobile Mining Machines:  
Proposed Changes by Mr P Schutte

**SACMA**

Continuous Miner Recovery from a Goaf at Sasol by Mr J Steyn

**SACAFMA**

Supply Chain Management by Mr M Bosman

Mr M Coetzer reported that he would place the three presentations on the SACMA website.

The Chairman thanked the presenters for the presentations.

3. **REPORT BACK BY ASSOCIATIONS**

**SACMA**

Mr J F Janse van Vuuren reported on SACMA activities:

- SACMA Mining DVD
- National Anthem and Mining Song DVD

Mr Janse van Vuuren said the DVDs were part of SACMA's drive to create energy and passion for the Association. He hoped that all Associations would also create renewed energy in the new year to take their Associations forward.

Activities included a meeting with the Mining Engineering Department at the University of Pretoria, working with ECSA and preparing for Coalsafe 2008 on 13 March 2008 in Witbank.

**SACEA**

Mr S W J van Wyk reported on the year's major SACEA activities. Including a very successful safety workshop in September 2007, Technical Symposium in April 2007 and a Golf Day.

In the meantime the Council had been involved in SANS, MQA, ECSA, OH&SPC and the DME.

### **SACAFMA**

Mr G J van Vuuren reported on the roll out of the SACAFMA strategic initiatives and a proposed seminar focusing on retirement and the family to be held in 2008.

A General Meeting will be held on 23 November 2007 and would focus on safety issues.

### **SACEPA**

Mr P Ferreira reported that SACEPA membership was still growing but that there were membership gaps from some of the major Mining Houses.

Mr Ferreira reported that there had been two technical visits during the year.

The conference on “Unpacking Sustainable Development” would be held on 30 January 2008.

### **SACHRA**

Mr M Cummins reported that the President Mr E Leeuw had resigned and Mrs S E Ndimande had taken over. The Association’s General Meeting would be held on 21 November 2007 at which Council would reactivate the strategy prepared at the Strategic Planning Session in May 2008.

## 4. **GENERAL**

**Website.** Mr M Coetzer gave a brief introduction and an update on developments on the SACMA website.

There was a proposal for a standard accident newsflash and a “web chat” under construction.

**Safety.** The following safety achievements were reported

- \* Forzando – 8 000 fatality free production shifts; and
- \* Forzando, North and South – one year lost time injury free.

**Accidents.** The following reports were made:

- Mr M J Bleeker reported on an Exxaro fatality in October 2007 when a mill right had been crushed between a door and a wall in a flask. It was noted that he failed to do a mechanical lockout and it was the first time he had worked in the area; and

- Mr S W J van Wyk reported on a Sasol fatality the previous week when a mechanic had been crushed between a wheel and a mud guard.

**Meetings.** The following General Meetings and Regional Meetings were planned:

- \* SACAFMA - 23 November 2007 and 18 January 2008;
- \* SACEA - 10 January 2008;
- \* SACMA - 10 January 2008;
- \* SACEPA - 30 January 2008 – Conference;
- \* SACHRA - 23 January 2008;
- \* Coalsafe - 13 March 2008.

## 5. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked Mr S W J van Wyk and his staff for arranging the venue at short notice and the lodge for the catering arrangements.

The Chairman wished everyone an enjoyable, safe festive season.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 13:00.

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**CHAIRMAN**

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