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

PRESENT: Mr A B Mabbett, Chairman and 43 members and guests as per the attached attendance register.

APOLOGIES As per attendance register.

1 **WELCOME**

Mr N Baloyi, General Manager, Brandspruit, welcomed members to the Northern Regional meeting at the Sasol Club. Mr Baloyi reported that the Industry needed to focus on the many good practices achieved on the previous year. Attaining the targets and milestones and the DME safety audits were critical safety issues for 2008.

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and in particular, Past Presidents, Messrs R E Jennings, J P Jordaan and W Uys.

2. **MINUTES SILENCE**

The Chairman reported that Honorary Life Member Mr Angus Koen had died suddenly in December 2007. Mr Koen had been a very loyal supporter of SACMA for many years and Coalsafe Chairman from its inception until his retirement.

The Chairman asked members to stand for a minute's silence.

3. **PRESENTATION ON BEST PRACTICES AT SASOL MINING**

The Chairman introduced Mr J Montgomery, Sasol Mining who gave a short presentation on cutting and pillar design entitled "Getting the most out of 15 Metres".

4. **GOOD PRACTICES AND SAFETY**

Achievements. The following achievements were reported:

- Klipspruit – one million hours without an injury; and
- Sasol Mining, four million hours without an injury.

4.2. **Accidents and Incidents.** The following accidents and incidents were reported:

- * J P Jordaan – road accident involving Sasol Mining employees in a head on collision. No fatalities;
- * A Fulton – fatality on 13 December 2007 – side wall failure; and
- * W Uys – fatality on 27 December 2007 when a shunter had been killed. Procedures were being reviewed and revised practices would be implemented.

Mr A Fulton asked if SACMA could intervene in an attempt to get the maintenance of roads in the Witbank – Bethel area improved. Mr W Uys reported that SACMA and Sasol Mining had been interacting with the MEC and mines and there had been some maintenance on the roads.

3. **REPORT BACK FROM SACMA COUNCIL**

Mr R E Jennings reported that Council had been very involved in the development on the qualifications and licensing of managers. Mr Jennings reported on three main developments:

- **New Qualification.**
 - new legislation had been accepted and would likely be gazetted in mid year;
 - to practice as a manager would require registration with ECSA to prove your competency as an engineer;
 - then, would have to meet the requirements set by the Mining Industry, namely the DME;
 - members (of SACMA) would have six months grace if they had their mine managers certificate to register with ECSA;

- operating as a mine manager without registration with ECSA would be illegal; and
- the gap between the current mine managers certificate and new qualifications had been investigated. The gap was insignificant and if members held a Government ticket they would qualify for the new qualifications.
- **Voluntary Association (VA) with ECSA**. Through VAs, SACMA could influence various bodies on engineering and qualification matters, including quality assurance.

It was imperative to retain SACMA's status as a VA which meant that SACMA needed to have 50% of its Ordinary members registered with ECSA. In March 2008 ECSA would conduct an audit to ensure that Associations met the criteria to be VAs.

Mr Jennings asked that members register with ECSA as soon as possible. Circulated was a membership list which he asked members to review and update.

- **Education**. Government Gazette issued changing the levels from 1-8 to 1-10. Mr R E Jennings indicated that a BSc would take three years, with B.Eng four years. The B.Eng would become a BSc with honours.
- **Licensing/Appointments**. The DME still wished to retain control of licensing, but members would still need to register with ECSA.

Persons taking responsibility for engineering decisions could be prosecuted personnel and could have the licence withdrawn by the DME.

- **CPD Credits**. To retain your ECSA membership persons needed to provide proof of their continuous professional development. Over three years members had to gain 15 credits.

Mr Jennings reported that ECSA members had to submit their 2007 annual return in January 2008.

6. **GENERAL**

Election of New Chairman. The Chairman reported that the members needed to elect a new Chairman as he would be retiring as Chairman. The Chairman reported that the new Chairman would be co-opted to Council after the Annual General Meeting. Mr Fulton would be the Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman called for nominations. Messrs N Baloyi and A Fulton were proposed and seconded by members. As there were two nominations the Chairman reported that a vote of Ordinary members was required. After a vote by show of hands, Mr Baloyi was duly elected as Chairman until the next Annual General Meeting in 2009.

Meetings 2008. The Chairman reported on the following meetings:

- SACEPA Conference on ‘Unpacking Sustainable Development’ on 30 January 2008.
- Annual General Meeting on 22 February 2008.
- Coalsafe on 13 March 2007 – Witbank.
- Northern Regional Meeting – 10 April 2008
- General Meeting – 15 May 2008.

The Chairman asked for a host for the next Regional meetings. It was agreed that Matla would host the meeting in their Recreation Club.

The Presidential Function would take place over the last weekend of September 2008. The venue would be the Royal Swazi Sun Hotel.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

The Chairman introduced the following presentations

- “What can the Waterburg Achieve”?: by J A Britz, Technical Adviser, Exxaro; and
- “Roof Bolt Operator Safety” by A Fulton, Goedehoop Colliery.

The Chairman reported that the presentations would be placed on the website.

Mr R E Jennings reported that the Chamber had established adoption teams to progress the transfer of best practice between mines. One adoption team would be on fall of ground. Mr W Marais would liaise between the Mining Houses, SACMA and mines to co-ordinate the sharing of best practice.

Mr W Uys reported that a group of experts would be established on collision control systems.

8. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked the presenters, and members for attending the meeting as well as Mr N Baloyi and Sasol Mining for hosting the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:00.

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CHAIRMAN

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SOUTH AFRICAN COLLIERY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

REGIONAL MEETING:10 JANUARY 2008

MEMBERS**SASOL CLUB**

NAME	MINE	PRESENT	APOL	NO SHOW
ALBERTS R	XTRATA COAL			*
AMBRISIO S	XSTRATA COAL		*	
ANDREWS S	SANDVIK			*
ATCHESON K	ARNOT			*
BALOYI N	SASOL MINING	*		
BECHT E	GOEDEHOOP			*
BEZUIDENHOUT B	KLIPSPRUIT	*		
BLEEKER M J	ARNOT		*	
BOOYSEN H	MATLA	*		
BOSHOFF S L	BOSJESSPRUIT			*
BRITZ J A	EXXARO	*		
BYE N	GOEDEHOOP		*	
COETZEE J J	SASOL MINING	*		
COETZER M	SASOL MINING	*		
CUNNEY M	BECSA	*		
DE SWARDT D	SASOL MINING	*		
DEALE H	VERM MINING			*
DU FLOOY D	ANGLO COAL	*		
DU PREEZ P J	SASOL MINING			*
ELSC	SASOL MINING	*		
FERREIRA P	MINOVA		*	
FOURIE P	MATLA			*
FULTON A	GOEDEHOOP	*		
GERBER R	MINOVA		*	
GLAESER F	ANGLO COAL	*		
GROBBELAAR F S M	SASOL MINING		*	
GROBLER A	SASOL MINING	*		
HATTINGH G	SASOL MINING	*		
HEWITSON K	SASOL MINING	*		
HEYNECKE W	BECSA			*
HINKS B	ESKOM		*	
HODGE K	MASHALA	*		
HOWARD R	XTRATA COAL			*
JENNINGS R E	BECSA	*		
JOHNSON A				*
JORDAAN J P	SASOL MINING	*		
JOSEPH L	SASOL MINING			*
JOUBERT G J	SASOL MINING		*	
KGOTLAGOMANG B	ESKOM		*	

KNOX F	KHUTALA		*	
LOCK J	SASOL MINING	*		
LOTHERING N	KLEINKOPJE		*	
LOUW P	OPTIMUM			*
LOUWRENS B	SASOL MINING	*		
MABBETT A	TOTAL COAL	*		
MABUZA L	GOEDEHOOP		*	
MAHAJLE P P	SASOL MINING	*		
MASONDO T	MAFUBE			*
MATTISON K	ANGLO COAL	*		
MAZIBULO P	ACPS			*
MBOGANIU M	SASOL MINING	*		
MKHIZE B	SASOL MINING			*
MOBWANO M	GLISA			*
MONTGOMERY J	SASOL MINING	*		
MOONSAMY T	SASOL MINING	*		
MOROTOBA M J	ANGLO COAL			*
NDLOVU T	SASOL MINING	*		
NKOSI S NZIMANDE Z	SASOL MINING ANGLO COAL	*		*
ORCHARDSON S J	MPAS	*		
PAPENFUS H G	ARNOT			*
PRINSLOO G	ESKOM		*	
RIKHOTSO E	ESKOM	*		
ROACH R	XTRATA COAL	*		
ROGANS T	KLEINKOPJE	*		
ROOS S	MATLA			*
SCHEEPERS P A	SAVMORE	*		
SEKHOKOANE M	SASOL MINING			*
SHAW E	SASOL MINING			*
SHAZI M	ARNOT	*		
SIBANYONI T	ESKOM			*
SMART R	XTRATA COAL	*		
SMITH F	MATLA	*		
TERBLANCHE P	DELMAS COAL	*		
THOMSON I	DOUGLAS	*		
TLALA M	ESKOM	*		
UYSW	BECSA	*		
VAN DER LINDE P	KAIROS	*		
VAN DER MERWE G	KLEINKOPJE		*	
VAN DER MERWE R	SASOL MINING	*		
VAN DER WESTHUIZEN G	SASOL MINING	*		
VANECK N J	BOSJE SSPRUIT	*		
VORSTER B	MINOVA RSA	*		
WILLAMS G	KLEINKOPJE		*	