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**MINUTES OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH
AFRICAN COLLIERY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION HELD ON 15 JANUARY
2009 AT GREENFIELDS LODGE, SECUNDA AT 09:00**

PRESENT: Mr N Baloyi, Chairman and 81 members and guests as per the attached attendance register.

APOLOGIES Pierre Jordaan – Sasol Mining

1 **WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

The Chairman and host, Mr. Nzama Baloyi welcomed the President, Mr P A Scheepers and Past Presidents, Tienie Bleeker, Riaan van der Merwe and Wilco Uys to the meeting. He also made a special welcome to members of council present on the day.

2. **HOST PRESENTATION: SASOL MINING**

Mr K Hewitson of Sasol Mining, Syferfontein, made a presentation about the installation of high pressure seals after an intersection failure close to the high wall

The presentation would be placed on the website.

3. **PRESENTATION ON LASER SYSTEMS BY THE COMPANY AFGEN**

Mr Derrick Gouws of Afgen Lasers made a detailed presentation to the meeting about different laser systems and services they have on offer.

4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
16 October 2008**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2009 were confirmed and the Chairman authorised to sign.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None.

6. **REPORT BACK FROM COUNCIL**

Promulgated regulation of conveyor belts, Exit/Entry Medical Examination .

Mr Tienie Bleeker discussed the promulgated regulation regarding working in close proximity of conveyor belts and the medical entry/exit strategies in the coal mining industries

Working in close proximity to a moving conveyor belt

A request from council, under the leadership of Mr. Wynand Marais from SACEPA, is to get a mandate from the SACMA meeting on whether the issue of cleaning along a conveyor belt and the training thereof whilst in motion, should be investigated. The results will be taken up with the DME for reconsideration on these issues.

Mr Wilco Uys commented that it should be investigated and that it should be done industry wide.

The members indicated that the committee can go forward with these investigations

The Chairman again called on members to register with ECSA as soon as possible. The registration process would be more difficult in future.

Entry/exit medical examinations

A concern was raised that employees/contractors in the mining industry working between companies are exposed to x-rays for up to 9 times in a year which results in unnecessary health hazards. The request is that companies should accept each others examinations and that medical information should be shared if required. It was mentioned that record keeping will be problematic. This issue is still under investigation.

Commission of Examiners.

The latest examinations results had been issued, once again highlighting the poor pass rates. Mr Mongezi Veti shared that the C Part of the MMCC had better results but that he was concerned about the bottleneck in the A Part, especially Survey. Mr Veti appealed for managers to become involved with students to improve the pass rate; otherwise the Industry would continue to struggle with a shortage of skills.

He also mentioned that there are a number of candidates who only write their names on the examination papers but does not even attempt to answer the questions. These names will be made available by the board of examiners.

Mr Vesi also requested members to go onto the website of the DME to make themselves aware of the syllabus, as to share with candidates

ECSA

Mr Bleeker made a short presentation on the status of the stage 1 qualifications which are about to be signed off by ECSA

He once again urged everyone to register and mentioned that you will only be able to practice if you are registered with ECSA.

7. **BEST PRACTICE AND SAFETY**

7.1 **Safety achievements.**

- Dorstfontein achieved 18 months without any lost time injuries
- New Clydes Dale operated the whole year of 2008 without a LWDC

7.2 **Incidents.** The following incident was reported on:

- Forzando North Shaft – Methane ignition occurred in a Continuous Miner section with continuous haulage systems

8. **GENERAL**

Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be held on the 27th of February 2009 at the Johannesburg Country Club. New council members will be confirmed at this meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting would be hosted by Exxaro, venue and date to be confirmed

Coalsafe. The next Coalsafe day will be on the 12th of March 2009 at Graceland, Secunda.

From the president. Mr. Nzama Baloyi was re elected as the chair person and Andre Fulton retain as vice chairman for the next term. Mr. Pieter Scheepers congratulated Nzama and thanked him for his efforts.

- Mr. Scheepers requested nominations for council members. These members will be announced on the AGM
- Furthermore Mr. Scheepers wished every member and his family good luck for 2009

9. **PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. W Uys made presentations with regards to the two fatalities that happened in BECSA during 2008 and shared some key learning's with the meeting:

- Do not take leadership levels out of your organizational structure when economic pressures are exerted on the business
- Visible Felt Leadership is required at the working face. A number of international visits during 2008 required a lot of management attention removing the focus from your day to day operations.
- Major gaps existed between Contractor management and BECSA management capabilities.
- Outsourcing of minipits and operations are in sourced once again

A course was designed for all supervisors which will address POLC management functions, legal issues, safety, practical supervision and operational issues. Mr Uys will gladly share the course content to anyone who would like make contributions on behalf of safety.

Mr Warren Beech presented the concerns re the new Act concomitant changes to the Regulations. He shared key components of the new bill that's to be passed, with the meeting. The amendment to the bill was made available at the end of the meeting

After the presentations there were a number of questions.

The presentations would be placed on the website.

10. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Chairman thanked Sabashnie Pillay, PA to the chairman and Rakesh Ramasur – logistics for their effort in ensuring a well organized function. He furthermore thanked Greenfield's for their staff and the use of their venues and the catering being done by them.

The presenters of the day were also thanked for their efforts and insights.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12:45

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN

SOUTH AFRICAN COLLIERY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

REGIONAL MEETING: 15 January 2009

MEMBERS

GREENFIELDS LODGE, SECUNDA

NAME	MINE	PRESENT	APOL	NO SHOW
ANDERSON S B	SASOL MINING			
BALOYI N	SASOL MINING			
BEZUIDENHOUT B	KLIPSPRUIT			
BLEEKER M J	BECSA			
BOSHOFF L	SASOL MINING			
BOTHA G L	XSTRATA COAL			
BOTSHELENG K	GOEDEHOOP			
BRITZ J A	ARNOT			
BULLOCK A	PRECISION OPENCAST			
BYE N	GOEDEHOOP			
CHINAMATIRA R	KRIEL			
CRONJE P	ANGLO COAL			
CULLUM J	KHUTALA			
CUNNEY M	KLIPSPRUIT			
DANCKERT J	DOUGLAS			
DE BRUIN T	MASHALA RESOURCES			
DE WET P P	ANGLO COAL			
DU PLESSIS C	GOEDGEVONDEN			
DU PREEZ P J	SASOL MINING			
DU PREEZ J J	SASOL MINING			
DUPLOOY D	KRIEL			
FERGUSON J	EAST SIDE COAL			
FOURIE D	BARLOW JONKER SA			
FRONEMAN L	GOEDEHOOP			
GROBLER R	BLACK WATTLE			
HATTINGH G	SASOL MINING			
HEWITSON K	SASOL MINING			
HEYNEKE W	KOORNFONTEIN			
HODGE K	MASHALA RESOURCES			
HOFFMANN H	SHANDUKA			
JENNINGS H C	GRINAKE			
JENNINGS R E	BECSA			
JORDAAN J H	ESKOM			
KABINDE T	KRIEL			
KHUMALO B	UMCEBO MINING			
KRUGEL G	KRIEL			
LANGA T	UMCEBO MINING			
LIEBENBERG H	GRINAKE			
LOBODA C	SHANDUKA			
LOCK J J	SASOL MINING			
LONGUEIRA M	PRESENTER			
MABUZA S	KLIPSPRUIT			

MAFOKO KR	BOSCHMANS			
MAHAYE P	SASOL MINING			
MANGOPE V	GOEDEHOOP			
MASHIMANE P	BECSA			
MASHIYID	GOEDEHOOP			
MASONDO M Z T	MAFUBE			
MATAMBELE T	XSTRATA COAL			
MEYER R	SUDOR COAL			
MKATSHANA H L	GOEDGEVONDEN			
MKHIZE L B	SASOL MINING			
MOBWANO M	EXXARO			
MOKWENA H	MATLA			
MONTGOMERY J	SASOL MINING			
MPEPE M	GOEDEHOOP			
RAATHS L	XSTRATA COAL			
RADEBE J	WORLDWIDE COAL			
RAMPFUMEDZIL	TSHIKONDENI			
RAMOKHOTHOANE M	SASOL MINING			
REDMAN J	SASOL MINING			
REYNEKE W	SASOL MINING			
ROACH R	XSTRATA COAL			
ROGANS T	KLEINKOPJE			
ROOS S	MATLA			
SCHEEPERS P	KANGRA			
SEMENYA L M	BECSA			
SHAW E	SASOL MINING			
SILVER G	SHANDUKA			
SITHOLE L	SHANDUKA			
SMART R	XSTRATA COAL			
SMITH C	PRESENTER			
STAPELBURG D	NEW CLYDESDALE			
TYMINSKI A	CONSULTANT			
VAN DER BANK	BARIMO			
VAN DER MERWE O	TAVISTOCK			
VAN DEVENTER C	EXXARO			
VAN JAARVELD A J	GOEDGEVONDEN			
VETI M	EXXARO			
VOGEL D	SHANDUKA			
WALKOW A	ARNOT			