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Aggregate and Sand - Shaping the Future

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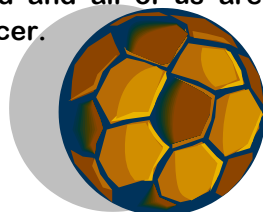
ASPASA AT WORK

Just to keep members updated, we herewith supply some short snippets of what we are busy with:

The first 6 months of 2010

SA has basically come to a standstill due to the preparations for the soccer.

The winter has also arrived and all of us are keeping our eyes on the soccer.



New Offices

For the past 11 years ASPASA's offices were in the Chamber of Mines Building in JHB Central. Not only has it become more difficult to fight the traffic everyday, but productivity suffered as some 3 hours a day was spent sitting in the vehicle.



ASPASA's moved offices at the beginning of May to Randburg. The Institute of Quarrying also moved to the same premises and is situated on the ground floor:

The new details of our offices are:

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Health & Safety Induction Program

Since the start of 2010 Aspasa has had a customized Health & Safety Induction Program available.

The course is on CD, which is purchased from RRM – Marita on 083 227 5668.

The course can be used as a fully fledged induction course, and also to train workers. If the course is purchased, then the operation can use parts of the course to discuss issues with the workers and then add company specific issues as needed.

ASPASA – 20 Years Old

In August this year, Aspasa will be 20 years old. Aspasa therefore thanks members for the support they have given to the Association.

AARTO

It seems like the AARTO (The Administration Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences) will come into effect next year. Some confusion

At the Regional meetings in October 2010, a presentation on this will be done to see what is coming our way.



Electricity

Well, we have not had many "blackouts" so far this winter.

We will start paying more for electricity soon. In February, Eskom was granted tariff hikes of 26 – 26% for the next three years. This means tariff increases will be 24.8%, followed by 25.8% and 28.9% by 2012-13 financial year. This means that by 2012-13 the average price of electricity will have risen from 33c/kwh to 65.86c/pkh.

Don't forget to budget for these increases.

Some Fun – IOQ Golf Day

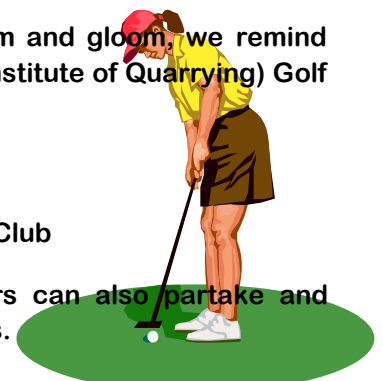
Just to break the doom and gloom, we remind members of the IOQ (Institute of Quarrying) Golf Day

When: 27 July 2010

Where: Randpark Golf Club

Outlying area members can also partake and make a few new friends.

Contact: Terry MacMillan on 011 791 6655 or email: iqsa@global.co.za.



Regional Training

Aspasa does not do training, but the Aspasa Director is the Chairperson of the IOQ's education sub-committee.

At Aspasa meetings, members always ask for training. Through the IOQ we are assisting members with this, but we need members input and support.

Training has been scheduled for:

27 July – Gauteng

3 August – Durban

4 August – Cape Town

5 August – Port Elizabeth



The subjects covered are very relevant to member companies:

“What do you know about Blast Design”?

“Crushing & Screening – trouble shooting”.

Please contact Terry MacMillan at the IOQ on 011 791 6655 or email; iqsa@global.co.za for further information.

Conference

The IOQ supported by Aspasa is holding its “Midyear” conference in PE. This is so that all those members who never get a change to go to an industry related conference can go.

The conference will be held on 9 & 10 September in Summerstrand, PE. On 10 September a visit to the Coega Harbour will be undertaken.

Again, please contact Terry to book.

Bring some of your deserving middle management people along.

The Royalty Act



Yes, Aspasa has done some work here. Draft proposed amendments to the Royalty legislation was sent out recently. Aspasa was advised that there was a problem in that one of the main issues Aspasa had done a lot of work on in 2009, being the “muckpile” calculation issue had been excluded in the legislation.

The Aspasa wheels immediately sprang into operation and through KPMG a very well drafted proposal was submitted to National Treasury.

Members must remember that it is vital for Aspasa to have pushed this issue of “muckpile” and in 2009. Treasury and SARS agreed that the calculation at “muckpile” was the best for the aggregate and sand industry.

It is strongly believed that it was an oversight in leaving “muckpile” out and as soon as the issue is resolved, feedback will be given to members. The issue will also be covered in more detail at the Regional meetings.

Waste Regulations

The National Waste Information Draft Regulations have the purpose of:

- To regulate procedures and criteria for submissions to register under the National Waste Information System.
- To categorise waste.

The affect on mining:

- Residue Stockpiles and Tailings Storage Facilities are exempted from the licensing process in terms of the Waste Act. If however a mines waste is taken off site, then it will fall within the definition of the Waste Act. This could mean material like crushed stone that is removed from the mining area. Clarity needs to be obtained here.

Ownerless & Derelict Mines Rehabilitation

The Auditor General has given a report on the DMR's report on the rehabilitation of abandoned and ownerless mines (includes quarries) and dumps. At a Parliamentary session on this it was stressed to parliamentarians that the actual management & rehabilitation of derelict and ownerless mines is the responsibility of the DMR.

Politicians, it seems want industry to assist with the rehabilitation of these mines (quarries or pits). Some best practice guidelines will be developed to assist the DMR with this challenge.

Aspasa members must let Aspasa know about any ownerless and derelict quarries in their areas.



Community Development

This issue has come up under the issues raised in re-negotiations taking place on the Mining Charter.

It seems that the approach will be to get some guidelines to ensure proper engagement with local authorities as well as local communities. Companies will find more focus on them having to implement their Social and Labour Plans (SLP's)

Procurement

Also an issue discussed under the Mining Charter negotiations. The major change here it seems will be the definition of HDSA's will be changed to black South Africans.



Human Resources Development & Employment Equity

Also an issue focused on under the Mining Charter discussions.

Under training we find:

- A percentage of annual payroll for training will be accepted. Some determination on what percentage for different types of training i.e ABET, learnerships (apprentices) and bursaries could be developed.

Targets for black management:

- It seems that provisions in the Charter could be included which would require companies to report progress annually and if insufficient progress was made then some targets will be set. The definition of HDSA's it seems will still include white woman.

Water Licenses

It has become clear that the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) has a backlog in issuing water license applications.

Aspasa members who have applied, but have not had a response needs to let Aspasa have the details and we will take it up with DWA on behalf of the member. DWA has asked for this help.

Some Health & Safety Issues

Enforcement Guidelines

- The DMR are finalizing these guidelines and will once finalized let the MHSC have it, were Aspasa will pick it up.

Chief Inspector of Mines

- Mr. Thabo Gazi, who acted as DG is back in his position of Chief Inspector of Mines.

Conveyor Belt Regulations

- The finalizing of this has been dragging on for a while now, but the Chief Inspector has promised to sort out urgently.

Stats for Health & Safety

- A system called SAMSHA (South African Mine Safety and Health Administration System) has been developed for the DMR. The new system is in implementation phase. Some training of staff still to be done.

This system once in operation will be able to give industry some better statistics of Safety and Health and hopefully Aspasa will not be told our industry falls under “general”.

OHS Professions

- The MHSC has appointed consultants who will help develop a strategy to attract train and retain Occupational Health and Safety Practitioners in the Mining Industry.

Tyre Safety

- Accidents resulting from tyres bursting were being experienced in industry.

Aspasa members to visit “tyregate” which deals with safety hazards associated with tyres.



CPI Figures

- As at 31 May 2010 the CPI headline index was 111.5 and new CPI headline index was 4.6.

Mining License Challenges

It seems that certain companies have had no problems in obtaining their licenses. Others seem to be battling. Many administrative and procedural concerns have been raised.

Aspasa members did not let us have enough information yet and we need to again ask members who have not submitted their info to do so.

CLAS

As members are aware the CLAS body is driving educational issues through the MQA.

On 16 July 2010, a Stakeholders Workshop will be held at the MQA at which a Sector Skills Plan (SSP) for the next five years will be developed.

The draft SSP will be developed, approved and signed-off by CLAS. These will be submitted to the Department of Higher Education & Training (DHET) by 31 August 2010.

Once further work has been done on this, members will be notified. Detailed feedback will be given at Regional Meetings.



Regional Meetings

It is imperative that Top Management & Owners of Aspasa member companies attend the Regional meetings. In 2009, we changed the format of the gatherings:

1. We reduced the number of meetings per year to one (1).
2. We developed the meeting more into a “seminar” style with presentations. In some regions we were very successful with this and had very good attendance.

This year we want to do even better and would like members to advise on relevant topics to be discussed in the region and any further ideas.

Please diarise the following dates:

08/10/2010	E/Cape	Plettenburgbay
12/10/2010	W/Cape	Boland
15/10/2010	Gauteng	Need a venue
19/10/2010	N/East	Nelspruit
21/10/2010	KZN	Pietermaritzburg
27/10/2010	Freestate	Note: date change. Need a venue

Specialist Committee Meetings

In August we hold the Specialist Committee meetings at which those individuals attend who are specialists in their companies. It is essential that we have good attendance at these meetings. Agenda's will be sent out well in advance.

17/08/2010	Aspasa Technical
17/08/2010	Sarma Technical/Quality
18/08/2010	Aspasa Health & Safety
18/08/2010	Sarma SHRE
24/08/2010	Aspasa Environmental
24/08/2010	Aspasa/Sarma HR & Training
25/08/2010	Aspasa/Sarma Public Relations

