



SAFPA NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2010

To **ALL** our valued SAFPA Members

1) **Customs Duty relief**

YES! YES! YES! At long last we are pleased to announce that as at 26th February 2010 we received notification from ITAC (International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa) viz:-

“The commission recommends that the rate of customs duty on tubes, pipes and hoses of vulcanised rubber (excluding hard rubber) reinforced or otherwise combined with metal, without fittings, with an inside diameter of 100 mm or less, be reduced to **free of duty**”

A big thank you to Lorraine Victor(Alfagomma) who has fought the frustrations of following the application through the very long winded process.

2) **Hose Assembly Accreditation scheme**

The Hose Assembly Accreditation launch is all set to take place on Tuesday 16th March 2010 at Birchwood Hotel and Conference centre, Bartlett, Boksburg. The morning session will be devoted to our two BFPA visitors Ian Morris and Martin Kingsbury who will enlighten us on the background to the guidelines and the implementation of the guide lines, Whilst this is very pertinent to all our members involved in the manufacture of hose assemblies the afternoon session is pertinent to ALL members as the presentations will address new safety legislation in the RSA and the soon to be introduced Consumer Protection Act. Cost is **Free** for the first delegate from a company. Additional delegates thereafter from the same company: R 400.00 Lunch and morning and afternoon refreshments are included. Pre registration is essential as seating is limited and a registration form is attached.

Programme

08h00- 09h00	Registration, refreshments.
09h00-09h30	Keynote address Prof Roy Marcus, Chairman, The Da Vinci Institute for Technology Management.
09h30-11h20	Background to the Guidelines. Ian Morris, British Fluid Power Association.
11h00-11h20	Refreshment break.
11h20-12h30	Implementing the Guidelines. Martin Kingsbury, British Fluid Power Association.
12h30-13h20	Lunch
13h20-14h30	New Safety Legislation in South Africa Advocate Nic Botha – BA LLB LLM
14h30-15h30	The New Consumer Protection Act Brian Townsend – F.C.I.S. – Cost Time resource cc see CV overleaf
15h30-16h00	The Way Forward – Conclusion and Closure Presenter, SAFPA. – Norman Hall – President SAFPA

3) **Technical meetings for 2010**

Our next Technical meeting will be held Thursday 11th March 2010 18h00 at HUDACO. Len Smith of Joy Mining Machinery will give a presentation on “Longwall Mining” All members and guests welcome.

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