



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NEWSLETTER

The new year has gained momentum and left us facing all the challenges with decisions to make. The difficult economic climate we experience doesn't make things easier. Despite this, some members experience no shortage of work while others say they can keep head above water with maintenance work on offer.

The Economic Barometers of the AHI for January 2012 as well as that of the Knight Frank Prime City Index is attached for your insight.

WOODEX FOR AFRICA CONFERENCE AND EXPO

Only one member indicated his interest to participate in the Expo to be held in March. The reaction from others is negative.

Mr. Boardman of Alternative Structures, who is also part of the WoodEx for Africa management committee, suggested that TASA plan its participation via the Wood Foundation. An island is allocated for the six organisations together to create a consolidated image. Each organisation will be allocated a 9sq m area.

TASA however cannot fund the exhibition due to shortage of funds unless members support the initiative and participate. We therefore strongly appeal to members to come forward and advise this office urgently.

Sufficient pamphlets are available for handouts at the Expo which are leftovers of the 2011 Indaba. An extra page can be added depending on the need for members to advertise. Please advise this office if so required and provide your advert material.

INQUIRIES

There appears to be an increased interest from the public in the construction and maintenance of thatched roofs. More inquiries were recently received than any of the previous years. What stands out clearly is that it is the public needing information and guidance and not contractors

The public being thus alerted emphasises the importance for contractors to deliver quality workmanship and services so that they can be recommended with a clear conscious.

FINANCIAL YEAR END

TASA membership fees are again due and payable before or on 28 February 2012. Thanks to those members that have already paid their dues. The 2012 membership certificate stamp will be posted as proof of payment received.

We trust that TASA will go from strength to strength this year despite the economic climate and wish you all best of luck.

Kind regards

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