



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NEWSLETTER

Dear TASA member

For the past two years we have been struggling through difficult circumstances due to the Covid measures. That is why we want to praise our members for the fact that you stood firm and still delivered quality work and by doing so, kept the name of our Association and fellow members high. But unfortunately, we have recently received serious complaints regarding four members who provided work that did not meet the SANS 10407 (Thatched Roof Construction) specification requirements.

Cancelling a member's membership is a serious charge and can have far reaching consequences for their companies and should only be done if we are sure their general work are sub-standard and that they will tarnish the reputation of the Association.

Unfortunately, there are two of these members whose clients have suffered serious financial losses and this is also not the first time complaints regarding the poor quality of their work have been received.

Management views this disturbing state of affairs in a very serious light. Especially where it harms the reputation of our other members who do their utmost to meet specification requirements and deliver work of outstanding quality.

The unlawful use of Polypropylene

Each member of the TASA signs a Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct upon acceptance of membership in which the member undertakes to comply with SANS 10407 as well as National Building Regulations (SANS 10400) where applicable.

Polypropylene use has never been part of the SANS 10407, which stipulates:

"The materials used shall be tar-treated sisal twine, stainless steel or galvanized wire, with a diameter of between 0,9 mm and 1,2 mm."

To make quality tarred sisal twine even more accessible to our members, we have brought an Associate member on board who manufactures it.

Rebtex are experts in manufacturing tarred sisal twine for thatch roofing and their contact details are:

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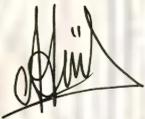
Renewal of membership

Our financial year closing takes place on 28 February and we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to our members who have already renewed their membership for 2022.

During the re-establishment of our Association, all thatching contractors who applied were allowed to become members. However, in addition to the stream of complaints received due to poor work quality and poor service delivery, there were also reputable thatching contractors who canceled their membership precisely due to those members who did not have the necessary capabilities.

Our wish now is that these contractors who previously did not want to become members, will now join precisely because of the quality and capabilities of our current members who hold our Association and our Industry's name high.

Kind regards



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