



THATCHERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA DEKKERSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

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NEWSLETTER

It has become necessary to create a wider exposure of TASA. Its horizon of impact must be broadened so that the aims and purpose of its existence and its worth for the Market become known and valued.

TASA's intentions must become first hand Public knowledge as to what it wants to attain in the Industry, whilst at the same time strengthening the hands of the Authorities with a clear message that it is an Association not to serve its own purpose but established to care for the Market and therefore its Clients.

An opportunity has arisen for exposure through the "Green Building and Sustainable Development Conference and Business Expo" to be held at the CSIR, Pretoria from 8 to 10 November 2007

This Expo is arranged by the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) the purpose being to bring together the different sectors of the Building Industry and relevant businesses. Their correspondence and brochure are attached for your information.

TASA EXHIBITION AT THE ABOVE EXPO

It is obvious that TASA has to grab this opportunity to get exposure at such an International event. From experience we know that an exhibition as intended for this Expo will cost approximately R40 000. This cost divided among say 20 to 30 TASA members sponsoring the exhibition will come to a nominal fee of R2 000 or R1 500 each, a move which will also provide sponsors valuable market exposure through direct contact and through the Media.

Booking must be made as soon as possible to ensure a suitable area for the exhibition. To enable the National Committee to make a final decision on the matter and to decide on the planning and arrangements, your willingness to participate must be confirmed with our office *not later than Monday 9 July 2007. You are urged to please grab this opportunity.*

SAFETY LEGISLATION WORKSHOPS

It has been decided to arrange workshops in the different regions. These workshops will coincide with the Regional Meetings.

These workshops must be seen and used to widen our sphere of impact and must not only be seen as a forum for the Thatch and related Industries, but for all interested parties especially potential Clients.

Fears exist in the Market re. the risk of having a thatched roof and the insurance liability attached to it. This definitely causes potential Clients to refrain from thatch roofing. If their fears can be allayed through knowledge and support, the Market can be opened up.

DATES OF WORKSHOPS IN THE DIFFERENT REGIONS

CAPE	:	15 August 2007
GAUTENG	:	23 August 2007
OFS & NORTHERN CAPE	:	30 August 2007
NATAL	:	19 July 2007
MPUMALANGA	:	31 August 2007

NATIONAL BUILDING REGULATIONS AND A SPECIFICATION FOR THE THATCHING INDUSTRY

With specific reference to the TASA Newsletter 4/2007, we confirm that discussions with STANZA and the SABS are continuing. You will be advised of developments.

The support from our members for our mutual cause is heartening and is worthy of praise. TASA would never have achieved the goal of a workable Specification for the Thatching Industry if it was not for a national representative Association that valued the well being of its members.

Kind regards

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