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## INTRODUCTION

This issue is to keep all members of SACAA abreast with what has been happening in our association and general topics.

Remember the undated SACAA website - [www.coalash.co.za](http://www.coalash.co.za) Please assist in keeping it current.

Waste regulations have now been published? What next

What get measured gets done?

Also covered in this issue is feedback on the DEA – SACAA meetings.  
Kind regards

*Mark Hunter*

SACAA GM

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

**Welcome** - SACAA would like to say welcome to Microspheres SA (Roeland Thijs) who are the only Cenospheres producers in South Africa from their plant situated at Matla Power Station. Roeland may you enjoy your interaction with the members and grow the ash beneficiation opportunities for a better South Africa.

**Goodbye** - We unfortunately have to say goodbye to Fabenco (Martin Botha) who has indicated that he is not going to renew their membership of SACAA. Sad loss and maybe at a later stage you will reconsider.

Experience has taught us that the more members participate in SACAA related activities the more beneficial the ash discussions and networking collectively takes place. There is a lot of ash knowhow amongst the members, where solutions, knowledge and innovative ideas can be shared and communicated.

**On a sadder note** : SACAA would like to express our condolences to Bruno Penzhorn on the passing away of his beloved wife Lotte. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time, God Bless.

Please share some “who’s who” and what they do or changes in our industry to the GM so that we can inform each other. I believe that there are many gaps in our sharing of news!!!

Quote: Ernest Hemmingway six words story!!!

***For Sale: Baby Shoes, Never Used***

August is the time when SACAA has its AGM. This year is considered an extremely pivotal one, where the association has been challenged to make the Ash Waste Stream work for the economy of South Africa, under a very low construction and infrastructure base and a high unemployment rate. Come and assist SACAA to unpack a new vision at the thinktank after the AGM. **15 August 2018.**

Remember it is our association, so please share your ideas.

## WASTE REGULATIONS UPDATE

The much-anticipated **REGULATIONS REGARDING THE EXCLUSION OF A WASTE STREAM OR A PORTION OF A WASTE STREAM FROM THE DEFINITION OF WASTE**, were finally published on 18 July 2018.

These regulations have been circulated to all of our members, previously and I include them as an attachment for future reference

On reflection the regulations did not give the exclusions of ash as was anticipated, so as SACAA will engage in a workshop to get a clear understanding of the impacts and perhaps strategise on the way it will be managed going forward. For the smaller producers we are going to rely on the big industries for guidance and assistance in drafting a guiding document for our members.

The first of these discussions will take place after the AGM under the general matters of the association.



Waste stream regulations 18 July 2018

## NEWS - VIEWS - INTERVIEWS

### MEASUREMENTS – GOOD OR BAD!!!!

Ever heard about the term ***“What gets measured gets done”***.

Metrics is all about gathering information, statistics and numbers to enable proper forecasting, trends and analysis, within any business, institution, society and in our case an association. As SACAA we have been very sensitive to the gathering of statistical data for fear of treading of any collusion or competitive competition or propriety information amongst our members being threatened. In the main SACAA mainly supported the research of ash utilisation and thereby grow the market.

I believe notwithstanding the SACAA constitution, it is now time to have a more informed set of basic metrics such as volumes, types and applications for all the ash beneficiated throughout South Africa. It will never include selling prices for obvious reasons. When trying to grow both jobs and the volume of ash, trending of numbers is very important to express successes or failures.

Now that SACAA has been engaging with DEA, DTI and other institutions, that fact that we don't have a handle on more accurate numbers, has contributed towards the somewhat mixed or unclarity of the impacts both positive and negative from a data point of view. Going forward, this will need to improve so that we can measure the real trends and so enable better articulation of the risks associated to decisions.

As a starting point it is essential that we gather some historical data as much as possible and at the same time start generating some accurate statistics of the current numbers. To enable this SACAA will be sending out a survey to all members to assist us in getting a better understanding. We will have to engage some of the previous members where needed to assist where gaps occur.

Your support and assistance will be appreciated. Mark Hunter will start collating the info and run with the gathering of the information. This will be published on the website for all members to access.

## DEA - SACAA FEEDBACK NEWS

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) invited the SACAA Manco held follow up meetings of drafting a Terms of Reference Document, which are now due to be signed.

### ❖ The Ash Stream

The terms of reference will be the guiding principles that will drive the Phakisa Ash Initiatives, which will be shared at the AGM

Nominations for the workstreams still must be submitted after clarification and acceptance of the way forward as determined at our AGM. What is the impact of the Waste Regulations?

## SACAA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM is scheduled for 15 August 2018 at 13h00. Please diarise as this is your association and where decisions are made for the next year. Don't forget to send your nominations for the Council and Manco representatives.

We are planning to have a planning meeting after the AGM to formulate the way forward for SACAA.

The venue will be the Concrete Institute and not the SAICE Building where we normally meet. Invitations have been distributed.

ALL FOR NOW

Regards

**SACAA GM**