

January 2026

To All SAFCA Members

I trust that you all were able to have an enjoyable Christmas break, and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a successful, safe, and prosperous year ahead for your families, employees and businesses.

Regional Meetings:

We have planned to hold two Regional Meetings in each area this year. Preliminary plans are as follows:

February – Western Cape, and Eastern Cape (Tsitsikama to Gqeberha). Feedback and information relating to the merger of P.G. Bison South Cape Forests and MTO Cape, forming Cape Forest Products, and how it will affect contractors.

March – North Eastern Cape (Stutterheim and Ugie). Feedback following the purchase of Rance Timbers by New Forests as well as to meet with SAFCA members in those areas.

April – KZN in Vryheid / Paul Pietersburg, Zululand, and Midlands. Focus on Forestry Conference will also be taking place in April and I hope to see some SAFCA members there as well.

June – Limpopo, Mpumalanga, and Mpumalanga Highveld

August – Western and Eastern Cape

September – North Eastern Cape

October – KZN – all three regions

November – SAFCA AGM Mpumalanga (date and venue to be announced). The biennial Fire Symposium is also taking place at Skukuza KNP from the 4th to the 6th November.

Please make an effort to attend these meetings. Not only do they build on our camaraderie, but also ensure and encourage information sharing, as well as providing an opportunity for members to voice areas where SAFCA can be of further assistance to them.

Spread of Fire Risk Cover

A new addition is a R20m cover for longhaul contractors. This is indicated to be an upcoming Sappi requirement. Anyone needing this type of cover should contact our office or myself and we will arrange a quote accordingly.

SAFCA Website

We have now included even more links on our SAFCA website which will be of interest and convenience to members. In addition to the existing websites:

- Forestry South Africa www.forestrysouthafrica.co.za
- Nelson Mandela University www.mandela.ac.za
- Forestry Sector Charter Council www.forestsectorchartercouncil.co.za

We have added, with more to come:

- WoodbizAfrica / SA Forestry www.woodbizafrica.co.za
- Forest Machine Magazine [Latest Forestry News | Forest Machine Magazine | #homeoflogging](#)
- Forsilvitech www.forsilvitech.com

Whenever you need the latest information or want to keep up to date with industry developments both locally and internationally, please use our SAFCA website and follow Related Links / Partner Organisations to access the wealth of interesting and informative information contained in all the sites.

Kindest regards

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