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## To All SAFCA Members

I hope that all is very good with you all.

### Regional Meetings:

Thank you to all our members who joined us at our recent meetings in Tzaneen, Mbombela, and Mkhondo. As with the meetings in Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Northern KZN, Zululand, and KZN Midlands, we enjoyed amongst others, open discussions, sharing of challenges and the opportunity to network with fellow contractors.

A summary of some discussions that arose from the Limpopo and Mpumalanga regional meetings:

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| Rate Adjustments           | Some members challenged by rate adjustments not being done as and when statutory and fuel price changes occur. |
| Communication              | WhatsApp group in parallel with email and website preferred                                                    |
| Short term insurance       | Short term insurance cover request – investigation for feasibility for a group scheme initiated.               |
| Regional Meetings Agenda   | Items for regional meeting inclusion to be invited from members before meetings                                |
| Zama Zama's                | Concern that special forces dealing with them during fire season                                               |
| Community owned Trust land | Harvesting and haulage activities stopped by communities in Lothair – state that they are not seeing benefits  |
| Audit Preparation          | Request from new contractors for audit preparation assistance from SAFCA                                       |
| Forestry Graduates         | Ongoing concern that recent graduates need more practical experience included in tertiary education.           |

Our website has been updated with photos from these meetings

I am looking forward to meeting our **North East Cape** members at our next regional meeting in **Stutterheim on the 1<sup>st</sup> July.**



**Focus on Forestry:**

An excellent conference with interesting presentations, which can be accessed on CMO's website which you will find under 'Partner Organisations' on our SAFCA website.

**Nelson Mandela University (Saasveld):**

A special request from NMU for conveyance of their appreciation for the thirteen students that were taken in by SAFCA members. The numbers have increased for which NMU is very grateful.

I encourage you all to please consider helping the industry by even more contractors giving these students the practical experience we know they need.

**SAFCA Members and Office Staff:**

I would like to especially welcome all the members that have recently joined SAFCA, as well as our new bookkeeper Madzanga Mulondo, a head office appointment.

Kindest regards

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