

# MBA BOLAND

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## **MBA BOLAND NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2015**

There was a lot of response to the last MBA Boland newsletter and I want to thank all the respondents in this regard. The time has come that the Construction Industry and all the relevant role players must take cognition of the events that take place in the Construction Industry. This will become more and more important in future to be compliant in terms of the OHS Act 85 of 1993 and the Regulations that are amended on a continuous basis. You as members must not hesitate at all to contact us if there is anything you need clarity on.

As you will know the SACPCMP Regulations has been activated as of the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015. By now most of you who has applied in a specific category has been notified of the acceptance of the application itself. Please be advised to keep the notification with you on file at the building site for reference in case of audits to be conducted in future.

In the last MBA Boland Newsletter I specifically pointed out the time frame and the categories of application for Construction Permits. Please take note of this notice. For the time being only projects of R135 million or more and CIDB - level 9 have to apply for a Construction Permit from the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Remember to still fax the Notification of Construction through to Department of Labour and that it must be done 30 days in advance before commencement of construction activities on site.

I also want to point out the occurrence of a bogus Compensation Fund called Compensation House (Pty) Ltd that is issuing notices to employers informing them that they have been authorised by the Compensation Fund to administer class 1, 5 and 6 employers on behalf of the Compensation Fund. The Compensation Fund has neither authorised nor has any association with this bogus company. No authorisation has been granted by the Compensation Fund to the company called Compensation House (Pty) Ltd to administer companies in any class. Should you have any enquiries do not hesitate to

contact the Compensation Fund Fraud Hotline at 0800 204 974 or [ethicsline@kpmg.co.za](mailto:ethicsline@kpmg.co.za);

The Master Builders South Africa (MBSA) competition has come to completion on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015 with some excellent results. Congratulations to the participants at MBA Boland. There was good improvement on the results of last year. The following members partook in the MBSA Safety Competition:

Category A: Plant Yard	- Isipani Construction
Category D: R10 - 25 million	- Isipani Construction
Category E: R25 - 75 million	- Isipani Construction
Category F: R75 - 150 million	- Power Construction

MBA Boland's **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Monday, **21<sup>st</sup> September 2015** during which the MBA Boland annual safety prize giving will take place. The competition was very competitive, but most rewarding. Please come and join us to see who the winners are.

I also want to inform that we have in conjunction with SAFCEC organised another Snake Handling Course at Butterfly World on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The course last year was such a success that we are going to do it again. This is specifically applicable where Contractors have to do site clearing and where they are working in remote building sites. Please contact us at MBA Boland if there is any interest in this regard.

SAFCEC is also hosting their annual SAFCEC Conference in The Bay Hotel in Kampsbaai on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015. You can contact Rudolf Murray on his cell phone: 083 658 2376 if you are interested. It promises to be a great event with loads of useful information in the Civil Construction Industry.

I also commented last time on the fact that all the employees of Construction Companies must be in possession of a "Medical Certificate of Fitness" which should be completed on an "Annexure 3". Remember that this is compulsory from 7<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Therefore MBA Boland has acquired the services of an accredited Occupational Health Practitioner. The Service Provider will come to your construction site for your convenience when you have ten or more employees who must be tested at an affordable price. All you have to do is to call MBA Boland and we will make the necessary arrangements for you.

Lastly I just want to remind you of the following important dates regarding the MBA Boland SHE Forums at MBA Boland at 12:00:

- Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 (Meeting)
- Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (Closure Function)

I want to invite you to contact us if you have any enquiries or any advice on any legislation and the practical application thereof in the Construction Industry. We are at your service.

Remember - "Build with the Best" - Build with MBA Boland.

MBA Boland regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W.A. Liebenberg', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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