



## WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN A VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION?

For any surface mining operation the question of whether or not to join a voluntary association is an important one. There is only one like ASPASA.

While joining a long-standing, reputable association does give you the benefit of their name behind yours, it's also about the services you are offered as a member. Is your membership worth the fee?

As a surface mining operation, you want to get on with the job. But you also have to keep up with new legislation and regulations. You need to ensure your Health and Safety practices are top-notch and within the legal requirements, and you need to ensure you do everything that is required to maintain a financially secure business. Environment, Skills Development and Quality are important issues for any surface mine.

## BENEFITS OF ASPASA

As a member you become part of the mainstream industry, which means you can be actively involved in shaping the industry legislation as part of ASPASA. Your voice alone may be silent, but a collective voice is able to influence legislation.

Members are held to a Code of conduct and ethics, good workmanship and compliance to legislation that gives customers serious peace of mind when engaging with ASPASA member.

## AS A MEMBER, YOU'RE GIVEN ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING SERVICES

- Legal Compliance
- Government Liaison
- Transport
- and other
- International and Local Liaison
- Training & Skills Development
- Technical

## REPRESENTING YOUR INTERESTS

ASPASA is the voice of the surface mining industries. Membership ensures that your voice is heard at local, regional and national levels. No individual business should allow itself to be left out.

## POLITICAL CLOUT

All members benefit from the powerful synergy of ASPASA working closely with strong government committees. ASPASA is also an information gathering and lobbying network providing members with relevant, up-to-the-minute data and advice to act on whatever threat or opportunity may arise.

## WHY JOIN ASPASA

We would like to invite your company to join with your industry colleagues to add weight to the representation of your interests on a national level. Your ASPASA membership is an investment in your company's future success with benefits including:

- Industry members support.
- Information forums and regulatory issues update including education facilitation.
- Lobbying powers.
- Expertise development and support to members in their business.
- Improved industry standing.
- Excellence in ethical and legal conduct.
- Advice and representation in Health, Safety, Labour Relations, Transport and all other relevant legislation,



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# NO MATTER WHAT TYPE OF SURFACE MINE OR QUARRY, WE GOT YOU COVERED.



# ASPASA AT WORK

## SOME BACKGROUND TO ASPASA

Mankind is driven by a natural inclination to shape, develop and improve the environment in which they live and work.

Since the beginning of time, these goals have been achieved through association; people of similar interests coming together to form bodies that are designed and destined to represent their common interests. Through these associations, whole industries evolved recognizable codes of conduct, ethical foundations, self regulatory practices and lobbying skills, techniques and practices to the benefit of their members, their industry and indeed the society in which they operate.

The history of ASPASA in South Africa is a history of gradual association. From the early years of family owned businesses geographical dispersed around the country, the growth of the industry has been paralleled by the amalgamation of these businesses into larger companies.

As time went by, the need for the formation of a professional body arose, to take up issues on behalf of the industry and to co-ordinate industry opinion. A number of geographical diverse associations were formed. Despite their best intentions, the officers of these associations were unable to devote the time or the energy required to successfully achieve their mandates. These frustrations were compounded by the fact that individually they could not command the necessary credibility with the authorities.

In a momentous meeting of the captains of the quarrying industry in March 1990, a steering committee was duly appointed to formulate the functions of a new body with the inclusion of full-time staff. As a result, ASPASA was formed on August 23<sup>rd</sup> of that same year.



### THE **POWER** OF ASSOCIATION

ASPASA's membership is made up of large and small operations working together for the betterment of the South African industry as a whole.

ASPASA's enormous power as an advocate on industry is largely due to its committee system. These committees are dedicated to providing members with data and learning forums to keep abreast of industry issues, as well as providing firm input into the policies and positions governing ASPASA and the industry.

Aspasa deals with issues that do not allow members to collude. Issues such as market share, product prices, etc, are not entertained at any of the Aspasa meetings.

### THE **BENEFITS** TO YOU AND YOUR COMPANY

In the battle for survival in the opencast mining industry today, you need a strong voice for stating your case. Companies rely heavily on ASPASA to keep them informed of legislation and other regulatory developments that affect their interests. An association such as ASPASA focuses on national as well as provincial issues. This document illustrates some of the benefits that are available to companies, who are the ones to join.

### ASPASA's **VISION** AND **MISSION**

#### **VISION**

To promote a healthy and sustainable industry supplying quality products.

#### **MISSION**

- Represent the interests of the surface mining industry as well as affiliate and associate members
- Influence the legal framework for the industry and its application in the fields of mining licenses, rehabilitation, health and safety and product quality
- Act as a forum for its members thereby ensuring ethical and legal compliance.

### **MEMBERSHIP** CATEGORIES

#### **LEGAL COMPLIANCE** APPLIES TO BOTH

- Environmental
- MPRDA
- MHSA
- Water Act
- Other

#### **PRODUCER** MEMBERS

- Quarries
- Rock Dumps
- Mobile Crushing
- Rubble Crushing
- Ash & Coal
- Borrow Pit
- Other

#### **AFFILIATE** MEMBERS

- Aggregate & Sand
- Clay Brick
- Salt
- Granite
- Other

#### **ASSOCIATE** MEMBERS

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### ASPASA **FOCUS** AREAS

LEGAL COMPLIANCE	GOVERNMENT LIAISON	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
TECHNICAL	TRANSPORT	HEALTH & SAFETY
ENVIRONMENTAL	INTERNATIONAL LIAISON	LOCAL LIAISON
PUBLIC RELATIONS	GENERAL	

