



Minutes of the
ASPASA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 17 May 2017 – 09:00

Venue: Aspasa, Unit 8, Coram Park, Ferero Road, Randpark Ridge

1	WELCOME	
	<p>The Director gave a short introduction why there was a need for a technical committee.</p> <p>The issue of technical and quality in the industry was lacking and ASPASA will now be taking a lead in this. There are certain issues that need to be addressed that affect the industry. The Director introduced the Chairperson – Saartjie Duvenhage</p>	
2	PRESENT & APOLOGIES	
	<p>An attendance register was signed by all present and apologies were recorded.</p> <p><u>Present:</u> Saartjie Duvenhage – Chairperson L Mkhize Rynard Brits Danny de Villiers Ray Bonser Sasheen Rajkumar Z Barbamia Abrie Erasmus</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Sebastian Irialour / Morne Labuschagne – Colas</p>	
3	MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT	Nico Pienaar
	<p>The Chairperson read the Code of Conduct, asked if there was any person who was not happy to conform to this. All agreed that the Code was to be complied with.</p> <p>Members to note that when attending an Association meeting then the discussion to be related to the Association business and not to each individual company's needs and preferences.</p> <p>Members of the Association commit themselves to the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote the affairs of the Association in accordance with their fiduciary duties towards the achievements of the objectives of the Association. • To ensure there is clear separation of the generic marketing activities of the Association and their own business activities. <p>To refrain from any activities which are or may be construed as being anti-competitive as envisaged by competition law, namely the Competition Act No. 89 of 1998 as amended.</p>	
4	QUALITY FOCUS	
	<p>4.1 SANS 1083 Revision – it was noted that there was a SANS committee that was Chaired by Bryan Perrie from the TCI, who were looking at the aggregate specification.</p> <p>ASPASA had given names through. Those at the meeting who was on the list had received no information of any meeting or documentation.</p>	Office/ B Perrie

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	<p>It was agreed that Bryan Perrie would be asked for a status report on the issue and be asked to attend the next meeting of the ASPASA Technical Committee. ASPASA office to contact Bryan Perrie.</p> <p>Some issues were raised that were a concern for the industry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sieve sizes • confusion in the industry on new specs <p>4.2 <u>Quality Management System – ASPASA</u></p> <p>The Chairperson posed the question if a QA system as needed for ASPASA members?</p> <p>The reply from all was positive.</p> <p>Some discussion on at what level was discussed. It was agreed the QS would not be formal as this was too costly and complicated for medium and smaller operations – what was needed was a practical system, which would be available to all members, have a good minimum standard for the industry to start off with.</p> <p>Smaller operations need help with standards.</p> <p>The Chairperson agreed to do a guideline for circulation and adoption. Other industry bodies relevant would be consulted.</p> <p>The Chairperson presented a paper on behalf of ASPASA at the recent RPF held in KZN. It was highlighted that delegates felt that there was no consistency from suppliers – not specific reference to aggregate alone. The suppliers are also not reliable and material was often not consistent.</p> <p>The chairperson stressed that there was a need for consistency from ASPASA members needed and that consistency was needed to be defined. The issue of Communications was also vital in the industry between suppliers, contractors and clients.</p> <p>The consultation was also needed between parties/department with a company and operation. Production, marketing and labs need to have close communication to ensure that when problems ae noted that decisions are made and also to inform clients.</p> <p>It was proposed that the resolution from the RPF be requested from the CSIR.</p> <p>4.3 <u>Laboratories</u></p> <p>It was agreed that more emphasis needs to be placed on labs at quarries. An interesting issue has been observed regarding mobile labs that are being sold to the industry at very high prices. It was felt that the same issue can be done at half the price that these products are being sold for.</p> <p>The Chairperson will develop a list of items that needs to be purchased to run a relevant/effective lab at sites and quarries. Also a guideline/checklist for minimum testing requirements especially for smaller operations will be drafted by the Chairperson.</p> <p>It was also noted that Laboratory staff are not always seen as essential in an operation and don't have much say. Qualifications of lab testers are found to be wanting. In some cases lab staff report to wrong people and should report to production managers. (ASPASA to do an article on this and importance of lab staff).</p> <p>4.4 <u>Sampling</u></p> <p>It was noted that there was a serious need for a good sampling system which is cost effective. The practicality of this sampling issue was essential.</p> <p>It was also agreed that a document was needed on “how to sample aggregates correctly”. The Chairperson would develop such a system for ASPASA members, as there are various</p>	<p>Saartjie</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>Office</p> <p>All</p> <p>Saartjie</p> <p>Office</p> <p>Saartjie</p>
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	<p>methods to do sampling.</p> <p>It was also agreed that training on sampling was needed as it has been noticed that there are disputes starting to take place which could be detrimental to ASPASA members. It was noted that even “commercial” labs don’t do testing correctly as samples and process could be used in legal proceedings, a correct method needs to be established in the industry.</p> <p>There is also information that in industry there are non-qualified laboratory testers being used and a dire need exists for some ‘qualifications’. SANRAL is busy with a process in formalising the ‘qualifications’.</p> <p>In the meantime it was proposed that ASPASA arrange for training on Sampling and Testing.</p> <p>It was noted that there are various people and organisation that do these types of courses.</p> <p>The proviso was that the training must be relevant to ASPASA members.</p> <p>The ones listed who will be contacted by ASPASA are: Go Academy, Afrimat and Barry Pierce</p> <p>4.5 <u>Other Issues</u></p> <p>No further issues raised</p>	<p>SANRAL / All</p> <p>Office</p> <p>Office</p>
5	INDUSTRY PROBLEMS	
	<p>The issue of the status of the COLTO revision was raised and it seemed as if there was not drafts yet. SANRAL would be approached to get the updated situation. It was also noted that the ASPASA Exclusion clauses were still in place and some members do use these. Until certainty on COTO document has been finalised it would be wise to keep the ASPASA Exclusion clauses in place.</p> <p>The issue of “old stockpiles” were discussed. The issue being that contractors purchase material and then stockpile on the site to be used. After 3 months when sample are taken, often incorrectly, then the product/material is found not to be conforming to the specs.</p> <p>Again there needs to be communications and agreements when these situations arise. Contractors to be made aware of these issues.</p> <p>The question was raised if the “off-site labs” are also “accredited”, if the main lab is accredited. The answer was an emphatically ‘no’. The SANS website has lists of accredited labs. Lab must be relevantly accredited for product and site.</p>	<p>Office</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
6	TRAINING / WORKSHOPS	
	<p>6.1 <u>GI Training</u></p> <p>It was confirmed that the course presented in Gauteng in conjunction with RFA should be done in Cape Town and KZN. (The audience must be specified as the course is technical and might go over the heads of non-technical production people).</p> <p>6.2 <u>Crushing & Screening</u></p> <p>This course has been run in Gauteng and Western Cape and needs to be run in other areas as it was important to the issue of quality and technical issues as it deals with the manufacturing process.</p> <p>6.3 <u>Lab Technicians</u></p> <p>Dealt with above.</p>	<p>Office</p> <p>Office</p>
7	FEEDBACK ON RPF & OTHERS	
	<p>Feedback was given on above.</p>	

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8	WAY FORWARD	
	Dealt with	
9	GENERAL	
	Nothing further.	
10	DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING	
	13 July 2017 – 10:00 – ASPASA offices	

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