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Aspasa is an industry association that represents southern Africa's quarrying and surface mining industry. Originally started by the country's aggregate and sand producers in 1990 for self-regulating and representing the interests of their own industry, Aspasa has elevated the quarrying industry and attracted an increasing number of non-aggregate and sand-producing companies.

Zero fatalities for 2017

Each year, the Mine Health and Safety Inspectorate in the Department of Mineral Resources issues a report summarising the issues highlighted by inspectors in the different regions of South Africa.

While 2017 wasn't the best year on record for the country's mining sector, preliminary estimates show that the surface mining industry managed a zero fatality rate for the year.

In its role as the industry body representing surface



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mining in South Africa, Aspasa is committed to ensure that the highest health and safety standards are upheld at each of its member operations. The association also works hard to ensure that when the Minister of Minerals and Energy announces the industry statistics, Aspasa members will receive credit and recognition for their excellent record.

For the past two decades, Aspasa has worked hard to minimise injuries and fatalities in the industry through a system that includes annual health and safety audits of all its member operations with the aim of ensuring the highest standards of safe work practices and legal compliance are maintained. The association's in-depth audit document is also regularly updated to ensure that any issues of concern to the industry receive sufficient attention and focus.

But audits are not the only tool that Aspasa uses to reinforce the importance of health and safety for its member operations. Through its various committees, the association also identifies

particular focus areas for additional training and, in conjunction with accredited training providers, organises training workshops for its members to cover these areas.

In addition to the general focus on reducing injury and fatality rates, Aspasa has also done some ground-breaking work on issues such as trackless mobile machines (TMMs), with specific reference to proximity detection systems (PDS), which will become mandatory for surface mining operations from June 2019.

Prior to 2017, Aspasa represented only aggregate- and sand-producing quarries, but over the course of the past year it has expanded its mandate to represent a wider range of surface mining operations, including fluorspar, salt, granite, marble sandstone and clay.

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