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Social Compliance Committee

The committee agreed to focus on a few critical aspects:

1. MPRDA input
2. A guidance note on how to prepare for a DMPR audit with a template to guide members.
3. Positive impact share on the ASPASA template and the map update
4. SLP and mining charter specific topics to be covered

At the meeting Nosi and Lindi presented a high-level overview of the two aspects but to do justice we need to split the detail and let them return and present on one topic at a time. But ASPASA needs the specific topics to give through to them to prepare for the next meeting, and we rely on members to give it through to us.

Comodex presented on their Mine Mentor Programme and requested access to mines for the students to get exposure at the mines.

Mintek presented on their structure and ASPASA arranged a tour of the premises. This will take place on **12 August 2025**. Please register with office@aspasa.co.za.

Petrus Grove Missio Dei Education Director presented on their MDE Remedial programme for Grade 3's building the foundation of the maths and science in the youngsters. A brilliant programme for a community project.

We request again the positive impact shares on the ASPASA template, we only have information from Afrimat, Blurock, Raumix North – we need all members information to give a true representation.

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Small surface mine association

Chemical Stabalisation – Ronnie Koen



Ronnies course outline covered:

1. Stabilisation agents
2. Stabilisation mechanisms
3. Stabilisation design
4. Construction issues

It was clear in the session that there is a huge need to educating the broader stakeholders involved in construction of roads and the sales individuals at mines on this critical matter.

We will engage further on the matter with other industry bodies such as RPF, SABITA, NLA etc.

The solution is not a one-sided approach. ASPASA members must also identify further need for training and on which topics.

ENS Africa Tax Dispute Webinar



The webinar touched on the correct legal process to follow if there is a tax dispute. It is critical that as taxpayer you adhere to the legal process flow and hold the legislator to the process.

CASA



We were fortunate to be part of a formal meeting with the COGTA DG and DDGs of all the regions where CASA highlighted the challenges on back logs of construction plans and skills shortage in the different regions.

ASPASA highlighted the poor spent on infrastructure has a negative impact on the small surface mines supplying the construction projects with material and asked how we can assist in opening the construction in all 52 Districts.

We also highlighted the delays in SLP project approval by DMPR and Municipal side and the disconnect between DMPR and Municipal on what projects are needed.

AVA Introduction

As part of the drive towards data and data management ASPASA sees value in a system such as AVA. We will engage further with them to see how we can collaborate and find a cost-effective solution for small surface mines.



Minerals Council of South Africa Strategy Session

The main drivers are social, technology, climate change, energy supply, rail performance, water supply, legislative process and input. This coincides with ASPASAs strategy and drivers in the service delivery areas. We will work closely with Minerals Council and give input where relevant to support small surface mines.



We had opportunity to give input on the MHSC Aid Memoire for compilation for guidelines code of practice. ASPASA requested that an improved risk-based approach must be included in all COP guidelines to try and eliminate the different enforcement processes from the legislators.

We recommended the MQA Risk based approach as included in the draft MHSA Chapter 2. We were invited to the LCD committee to explain our view and the process is now with MRAC for further investigation.

MRAC must determine if the risk-based approach is relevant to all sizes of mines and I am confident that the MQA Risk based approach research included large, medium and small mines. ASPASA did submit an evaluation we did with multiple ASPASA members to proof that it works for micro and small mines.

Junior Mining Council

We met at the Junior Mining Indaba and then had an initial meeting during June to share our various service delivery areas. There is synergies and differences which we can both embrace. JMC introduced me to SAMYA – The South African Mining Youth Association which could add value to IQSA and IQSA add value to SAMYA. There is a huge gap in mentoring for young mining professionals and SAMYA wants to close this. We also discussed Comodex and how we can support such programmes in future.

A webinar process with series was discussed to see how we can work together to have an initial webinar to introduce the small surface mine process flow and further series on each aspect.

Junior Exploration and Mining Leadership Forum

The main focus of this meeting was around the MPRDA input process and the work MINCOSA is doing. The important factor is that Environmental Experts must also give guidance on all the environmental aspects in the legislation.

We must celebrate the positives in this document but must give solutions to the challenging items still evident in the document to ensure it supports growth of the mining industry and specifically small surface mining.



ASPASA met with Clint Hill to determine how we can engage further. We have invited Clint to speak at our next **ASPASA Social and Compliance meeting, 19 September 2025. This event will be held at the Raizcorp Prosperator.**



Clint Hill Solutions Architect

Their purpose is: To create, support and scale entrepreneurs and the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Since its inception in 2000, Raizcorp has evolved from being only an Entrepreneur Support Organisation (ESO) to now support other incubators and accelerators with incubation software and methodologies to ensure a higher probability of impact and incubator sustainability. Owing to the breadth of their activities, they are instrumental in supporting and building entrepreneurial ecosystems in rural, peri-urban and urban contexts.

With more than 25 years of experience, they have supported over 17 000 businesses on intensive incubation programmes and over 14 000 further businesses through other non-incubation engagements. At any given time, they support over 500 businesses on various high-touch business growth programmes while serving a further 3 000 entrepreneurs or would-be entrepreneurs annually on their other entrepreneurial development programmes, and millions view their online educational programmes.

Their services target all industries across South Africa and include enterprise & supplier development design and implementation, social-economic development programmes, SLP implementation and Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) implementation.

NCPC Gauteng Industrial Symbiosis Programme

The day was opened by the Chief Director GDEnv and introductions done by the Head of Department of GDEnv and National Programme Manager NCPS-SA. ASPASA engaged with NCPC on two occasions already to see how we can create synergies.

This session was a workshop to practically sit around various tables and create synergies with those around the table. You identify what you have, you ask what you want and NCPC look at how we can bring the two together.

ASPASA has requests after this session for specific waste needs. On 6 August 2025 members are invited to meet some waste stream management opportunities



MEETINGS AND EVENTS

JULY 22nd IQSA / ASPASA Golf Day

Thank you to all our sponsors for sponsoring our golf day this year. We will be golfing at the Modderfontein Golf Club this year.

JULY 30th ASPASA Explosives

Fully Booked



AUGUST 1st ASPASA Diversity & Inclusion Hybrid Meeting

Venue to be confirmed – please contact office@aspasa.co.za for more information

AUGUST 6th Waste System Management Virtual

Please contact office@aspasa.co.za for more information

AUGUST 12th ASPASA Combined Q3 Hybrid Meeting

Venue: MINTEK: 200 Malibongwe Drive, Praegville, Randburg. Please contact office@aspasa.co.za for more information

AUGUST 26th ASPASA Engineering Hybrid Meeting

Venue: Drift SuperSand, Muldersdrift. Please contact office@aspasa.co.za for more information



SEPTEMBER 17th Technical Meeting Virtual

Please contact office@aspasa.co.za for more information

SEPTEMBER 19th Social Compliance

Venue: Raizcorp: Centex Close, Sandton, 2196
Please contact office@aspasa.co.za for more information

**"Success is not final, failure is not fatal:
it is the courage to continue that
counts." - Winston Churchill**



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