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TO: All ITC-SA Members

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Dear Members,

The year has started with such a rush, that I now, for the first time, am able to sit down and enjoy my coffee. As you know, the ITC-SA financial year end is February, which demands a lot of preparation as reports have to be prepared for both the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. These reports need to reflect the activities that the ITC-SA have been involved in, as well as a conciliation of expenses that were met during the reporting period. Finally, the strategic direction of the organization for 2013-2014 has to be approved by the Board, and this demands resources, and budget approval. As you can see, I have been quite busy...

I need to keep you informed in regards to current activities of the ITC-SA, and events that you may be interested in attending:

1. **WOODEX 2013:**

The annual WoodEX 2013 exhibition will take place between the 21st to the 23rd of March 2013. The venue will be as per last year at Gallagher Estate in Midrand. ITC-SA was again given a stand, and Amanda and I will be at the exhibition, ready to meet potential new members and to say hello to current members and to answer questions that may arise.

Attached please find detail for your consideration and a document to be completed that will give you free access to the exhibition. Please contact Amanda if you may have questions in this regard.

2. **SHOCKPROOF/TRUSS4:**

The ITC-SA, late last year, and after meetings and e-mails decided to report the use of products that are being sold, and that have not yet been tested in regards to industry requirements. A letter was sent to the Consumer Complaints Commissioner as per the provision in the Consumer Protection Act, requesting his intervention. In January 2013, the ITC-SA was informed that the Commissioner had requested the National Regulator of Compulsory Specifications to investigate the complaint and to report back on its findings.

The ITC-SA will not tolerate products and activities that will undermine the regulatory requirements that are so diligently followed by our members, and you are invited to report any Fabricator that will be using these untested products.

3. **AUDIT INSPECTIONS:**

The ITC-SA has completed all audit inspections for 2012-2013. As per the System Agreements that were signed between ITC-SA and the current System Members, the ITC-SA is tasked to annually perform at least 1x audit inspection per Fabricator Member licensed by the Systems. The ITC-SA will therefore, beginning March 2013 start with a new cycle of audit inspections.

To facilitate this process, the ITC-SA Executive Committee has decided that all Fabricator Members must be invoiced in March 2013. On receiving the audit inspection payment, ITC-SA will print and forward the Certificate of Competence to Members. This will enable Fabricator Members to receive their COC's immediately, and the annual audit inspection will then follow as per normal.

Although late, may I wish you a prosperous 2013, and may peace, joy and good health be your companions as we meet all the challenges of 2013-2014 head-on, and as a team.

Kind Regards

Fred Wagenaar

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