17th ROAD PAVEMENTS FORUM

King George Protea Hotel, George 13-14 May 2009

Resolutions

• That SARF should act as a catalyst for discussions with government institutions and other stakeholders to seek to protect planned road reserves for future generations

• That the sponsors of the RPF be tasked to prepare a synthesis of system-associated problems impacting on our sector (e.g. SETAs) and that the MoT be appraised of the above at an appropriate time and through an appropriate vehicle

PROPOSED SUBMISSION TO NEW MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ON ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE RPF

The road pavement industry is well established and organised.

The Roads Pavement Forum (RPF) is a forum where all role players in industry meet on a 6 monthly basis to discuss industry issues.

Areas of concern to the RPF in respect of Government leadership and involvement in the industry are primarily related to skills development and capacitation of individuals in the industry as follows::

- Coordination of industry documentation and training materials.
- Developing and maintaining National standards.
- Assistance in improving the performance of the CETA which is very, very poor.
- Coordinating the identification, planning and development of new technologies and methods to improve quality of roads and sustainability..

It is suggested that this be provided through the identification of an engineer in the DoT to provide a point of contact for this and that a budget of roughly R2m per year be allocated to this function.

• That CETA be invited to the next meeting of the RPF

• That the RPF support the implementation of self-regulation in heavy vehicle transport in the road sector, both through industry representatives and road authorities

• That Sabita be approached with the request to update "Appropriate Standards for Bituminous Materials", incorporating best practice standards

- With respect to Warm Mix Asphalt (WMA), that:
 - WMA be defined as "an asphalt that is manufactured and paved at temperatures of at least 20°C lower than conventional hot mix asphalt, with all properties and performance being equal to or better than hot-mix asphalt"
 - The template currently being used by the WMA Interest Group be adopted as a national protocol for the implementation of WMA trials in RSA
 - A WMA Guideline document be drawn up by the WMA Interest Group - completion by 2010
 - Further trials be undertaken targeting at least one technology from each generic category, and
 - Krishna Naidoo be appointed as the national coordinator for WMA

Next RPF Meeting

- 18th RPF
 - 10-11 November 2009, CSIR ICC, Gauteng

- 19th RPF
 - **2010, ???**