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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2010

We trust that you and your family had time to spend together during the December 2009 holiday period, and that you enjoyed a well earned rest.

2010 will no doubt be another challenging year for all ECA members, and we invite you to use our extensive range of services which are at your disposal. Remember that we are just a phone call away.

ECB - CONTRACTORS LICENSES

Members are reminded that all current electrical contractors' license cards expire on 28 February 2010. A reminder letter and application form to register your business for 2010 was e-mailed to all electrical contractors on the ECB database on 25 January 2010.

Please ensure that you renew your ECB license before 28 February 2010.

NEW FORMAT COC AND TEST REPORT

We have now received the official printed copies of the new format of the revised COC. You may order copies from the East London and Port Elizabeth offices at a cost of R50.00 per pad of 20 certificates, plus postage where applicable. Please do not use the 2 page DOL COC any longer.

This document was made available to Industry only as an interim arrangement whilst the ECB finalised the format of the new large sized yellow COC and test report which is now the official documents to be used.

The ECB has also confirmed that they would not accept the old format COC pads as a "trade in" on the new document, and no credits will be given to contractors for the old stock that you may hold. It is therefore suggested that you destroy any unused copies of the old format COC that may be in your possession.

COC COURSES - EAST LONDON / PORT ELIZABETH

We are in the process of finalising arrangements for one day courses to assist members to comply with the completion of the new format of the COC and also to deal with a number of important changes to the new Electrical Installation Regulations (EIR) which were published in 2009.

Should you be interested in attending such training, please phone Danita in East London or Michelle in Port Elizabeth.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS - 2010

South Cape

3 February 2010
6 May 2010
5 August 2010
4 November 2010 (AGM)

East London

9 February 2010
13 May 2010
12 August 2010
11 November 2010 (AGM)

Port Elizabeth

16 February 2010
25 May 2010
19 August 2010
18 November (AGM)

All the meetings are scheduled to start at 18H00 (6.00p.m.). Please make every effort to attend these meetings. Important information which affects the day to day running of your business is discussed at the meetings which are for ECA members only.

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In addition we share problems that are reported to the ECA offices and discuss solutions. Attendance at the meetings ensures that you are informed of the latest changes in technology, legislation and other technical requirements to enable you to run an efficient and compliant business.

We would encourage you to diarise the above dates and to make sure that you don't miss any meeting this year.

After all, you pay an annual subscription towards the ECA so why not make use of this facility to get a return on your investment.

SANS 10142-2 - MEDIUM HIGH VOLTAGE INSTALLATIONS

We have approached technical experts to request assistance with the presentation of a one - day course on the above Code.

If you are involved in this type of work and want to attend a training course please give the ladies in our offices your name, and we will contract you once the course date has been finalised.

EARTHING / LIGHTING PROTECTION

If you require training on the above, please let the office have your details in order that we could establish the areas to concentrate our efforts on.

PE CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

The ECA presented a PowerPoint presentation, on the responsibilities of the user with regard to his electrical installation, at a meeting in Port Elizabeth on 27 January 2010.

The meeting was attended by 65 people and the regional director used the opportunity to market the ECA and in particular the R15 000.00 Workmanship Guarantee, which the ECA offers on behalf of its members.

There is a general lack of knowledge among the public as far as the COC is concerned and many questions arose after the presentation.

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We will continue in our efforts to make the ECA a household name among property owners, estate agents, transferring attorneys and the general public.

TRADE TESTS

Trade Testing in the trade Electrician (Construction) are carried out at the Training Centre in Port Elizabeth over a two day period on the following dates:-

2 - 3 February 2010

2 - 3 March 2010

13 - 14 April 2010

4 - 5 May 2010

1 - 2 June 2010

PRACTICAL TRAINING

The following training courses will be presented:-

Domestic Electrical Wiring
(M0-M3)

Dates

1 - 26 March 2010 and 10 May to 4 June 2010

Advanced Electrical Industrial Wiring
(M4-M6)

Dates

1 - 26 February 2010; 12 April to 7 May 2010 and 7 June to 2 July 2010.

Motors and Starters

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Dates

8 - 19 February 2010; 19 - 30 April 2010 and 7 - 18 July 2010.

Please phone the office for further details.

WAGES INCREASES

The minimum wage rates and actual wages of all employees who are engaged in scheduled work as per the Main Agreement of NBCEI, increased as from Monday 1 February 2010. Members would have received all the details from their local Bargaining Council offices during January 2010.

Please phone us if you need further information in this regard.

Kind regards

L M Bowles
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