

## Highveld News

Once again. Hi to all Members of the Highveld Region. This month I would like to discuss with you all, a matter that was brought to my attention at a meeting I attended in Pretoria.

First let me give you some background.

We from the ECA (SA) and more specifically Chris Koen from the Highveld Office and Cecil Lancaster from the Bosveld Office, on a tri-monthly basis attend what we know as the Highveld Inspectors Committee meeting. As stated this is tri-monthly and the meetings take place in Pretoria at Premos. The members of this Committee is made up of all the Municipal Inspectors of the towns in the old Transvaal, the AIA's, some special members and then the ECA. At these meetings they discuss matters of mutual concern such as SANS 10142-1, the EIR and any other matters.

At the last meeting the matter of "Commencement of Work forms" came to the fore. It is something that I know about and it appears in the EIR but I have not paid much attention to.

The EIR under "**6. (1) Commencement of, and Permission to Connect, Installation Work**" states the following:

No person shall commence with installation work which require a new electricity supply or an increase in electricity supply capacity unless the supplier has been notified thereof in the form of annexure 2 provided that the supplier may waive this requirement in respect of such work as he may specify.

Gedurende die bespreking het dit duidelik geword dat verskeie munisipaliteite steeds hierdie reël toepas. Dit is onder my aandag gebring dat die grootste rede vir die nie beskikbaarheid van aansluitings, is dat daar geen aanhangsel 2 op rekord is nie.

Laat ek dit duidelik stel. Dit is nie 'n vereiste by alle munisipaliteite nie maar tog by 'n groot hoeveelheid van hulle.

Ek het al in die verlede klagtes gehoor van munisipaliteite wat nie krag wil aanskakel vir toets doeleindes nie, van munisipale beamptes wat weier om krag te voorsien aan persele en dies meer. As ek luister na wat munisipale beamptes te sê het moet ek erken dit is dalk al weer 'n geval van "The job is not complete until the paperwork is done".

Ek vra alle lede om kontak te maak met die munisipaliteite in wie se areas jy werk en jouself te gewis van hulle vereistes met betrekking tot die bogenoemde. Ek weet dat dit nogal 'n groot probleem in Johannesburg en Ekurhuleni is en dat veral die twee munisipaliteite al strenger gaan optree.

Hoëveld Groete.

Louis Pretorius.