



KEEPING in TOUCH

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*"Keeping you solvent" and
Keeping you in Touch!*

The Good News for 2009

NEW PROJECTS

The installation of a roof over the new yard is underway. Engineers and design architects are finalizing all drawings and we expect the foundations for the bases will proceed shortly.

This is an exciting development and will provide shelter from the elements as well as some welcome shade for the employees who have been working in our new state-of-the-art tank farm. The new roof will be a replica of the roof covering the old yard and is the major project of the year for the group of companies.

The start of every New Year brings with it a host of challenges and opportunities. This is our first newsletter and it is filled with information past and present that will keep you informed of developments and activities that you might want to know about. If there are any topics you'd like the newsletter to cover, talk to us and any feed back would be appreciated. We would also like to hear any exciting news which might be happening in your lives that is not business related and people who work with you would like to know..

We are aiming to release a newsletter at the end of every quarter and the aim is to keep everybody up to date with recent developments and future plans. It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of March and already so much has happened. Thus far 2009 has been a challenge not only to businesses in the country but to every South African. We hear that it is the worst economic climate since the depression and people are obviously concerned at the prospects facing them this year. Yet, there are reasons to be positive.

- Government is spending billions of Rand in infrastructure development.
- Substantial tourism boost in 2009 for Federations Cup this year and next years world cup.
- The Gautrain is moving full steam ahead and should help reduce traffic jams in and around Gauteng.
- Inflation predictions look positive for the year ahead. Interest rates could drop another 2 to 3 percent during the course of 2009.
- We have not had any electricity cuts this year other than for ½ an hour every Friday morning when Les runs the backup generators :)!

The TAG Solvent Products Team



HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK



In December 2008, the company participated in National Aids awareness week and thanks go to Betty for organizing posters and a dress up to highlight the week. TAG also participated in the Business banathon where proceeds go to various charities around the country.

The company decided to partake in the business banathon for the following reasons.

- Enables businesses to visibly show their support and solidarity in the campaign against the spread of HIV during national AIDS week.
- Draws attention to the real threat that HIV/AIDS is to our businesses, people and country.
- Appeals to the concerned yet competitive spirit of SA Business.
- Financially benefits innocent victims AIDS-Orphans.
- The beneficiaries in Gauteng are as follows: Cotlands baby sanctuary, Tateni Home Nursing Care, YFC – Rethabile Aids home and hospice.



SANTA AND TB AWARENESS

In February 2009, SANTA visited our premises and the company provided the opportunity for all staff to be screened for TB. This will be conducted on an annual basis and the company supports the drive to keep all employees aware of their status with regard to TB. .

A few employees reported chest problems, although no pathology was evident on the x ray but these staff members were encouraged to pursue a further medical check up at their own expense for their own benefit. It is important to note that the company is facilitating all employees to be aware of their status with regard to TB and that is where the commitment ends.

NEW DELIVERY VEHICLE

At TAG, we want to buy the best trucks and keep them in the best possible condition and to be driven by some of the best drivers around. The company has purchased a new company delivery vehicle which will be proudly driven by Elford.

Our fleet now consists of six 7-ton Hino's and looks very impressive out there on the road. Our driver has all been evaluated by a specialist trainer at Toyota and received impressive results. We would like to congratulate all our drivers and encourage them to continue driving in a safe and responsible manner that they are. The company has an outstanding reputation for service because our customers get product when they need it- with friendly efficient and ultimately safe service along the way.

STAFF NEWS



Congrats to Junica Rabe on the arrival of her new baby boy, Nathan. We wish her and Andre all the best!



Congrats also go to Tanya and Gareth on their new arrival and we wish them all the best as well!!!

And congrats to Bernice who recently gave birth to Amy, a photo will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter.

On a sad note, Boyce Bulunga has resigned. We are sorry to see him go and wish him all the best in the future.



A Word of Thanks!

We'd like to thank you for all your efforts thus far during 2009.

Rob, Mike, Gareth & Paul



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