

# KEEPING in TOUCH 2014



With Christmas and New Year's festivities now a distant memory, we've been gearing up with renewed energy to do business in 2014, while reflecting on our achievements in 2013 - a year that saw several exciting projects and growth for TAG. Please read on and visit our updated website [www.tagsolvent.co.za](http://www.tagsolvent.co.za) to find out more.

## TAG grows into the Eastern Cape

One of the most exciting areas of growth for TAG Solvents in 2013 was the expansion of the company to the Eastern Cape. In July last year we opened a branch in Port Elizabeth, which is being managed by Hal Snyman. It stocks the full TAG range of products and will service the Port Elizabeth market with the same high standard customers have become used to in Gauteng. TAG has secured large storage facilities, as well as a reliable logistics link with Johannesburg and Hal has made a strong start with a growing customer base and an excellent service record.

The branch is located in Sturrock Avenue in Deal Party. Please see the contact details and further particulars on our Contacts page on the website.

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## New Bulk Transport Offering

Who doesn't love a new set of wheels? At TAG we're proud to announce the purchase of a new tanker, which has the capacity to transport bulk loads. The vehicle has four compartments and can carry a total of 16 000 litres or four separate loads of 4 000 litres each. As with all the vehicles in the TAG fleet, this tanker is Hazchem specified, has a safe loading pass for all refineries and the driver is Hazchem trained.



## Staff News

### Hal Snyman

As mentioned, Hal Snyman is running our new branch in the Eastern Cape and we welcome him as a strong member of our management team.

### Yvonne Pinto

During 2013, Yvonne Pinto, our loyal and valued Debtor's Clerk left us. Yvonne was with TAG for over 20 years and resigned to spend more time with her family. Yvonne, we will miss you and thank you for your many years of dedicated service to the company.

### Movers & Shakers

Maureen has now moved into the Debtor's role from Orders and is assisting Julekha in that department.

Nicole Holtshausen has moved into Sales as a Junior Rep and has settled into her new position very quickly. She is a welcome addition to our dynamic Sales team.

Our Orders ladies are now Brenda and Maureen, as Jennifer resigned late in the year, with Bernice moving into our Accounts department.

For further details of our staff and their contact details, please see the [Meet the Team](#) page on our new-look website.

## Protection from the Elements

In working to ensure that we continue to provide our customers with fast and efficient service, we are doing all that we can to overcome challenges presented by the weather. To this end, we recently installed a roof over our new tank yard, which shields our employees from the elements and prevents any interruptions from rain.



## Catching a New Ride

At TAG, we ensure that in addition to looking after our customers, we look after our valued members of staff too. To this end, the company purchased a new Toyota Quantum 16-seater taxi last year. With Rexon as driver, the vehicle transports all wage staff from the Germiston station to work in the morning and from the company premises to Germiston at the end of the day.

The taxi has been branded with company colours and has proved extremely beneficial to our employees.

## Staff News cont.

On a sad note, four members of our staff passed away in 2013. Our thoughts are with their families and they will be missed.

**Cecelia Mofokeng**



**Elford Hadebe**



**Elliot Pule**



**Simon**



## Giving to Others

It is tradition at TAG for the ladies to take part in a Secret Santa at Christmas time. Last year, however, we decided that instead of giving each other gifts, we would donate much-needed items to charity.

Our chosen partner was El Shammah, a Home for Abandoned Babies and a Place of Safety in Primrose, which gratefully supplied us with a list of needs for their babies. El Shammah currently houses 11 babies and is always in short supply of nappies, milk, food and other day-to-day basics. Each of the TAG ladies, as well as other members of staff, made contributions, and on 22 November, we were privileged to have the opportunity to spend some time at the home, donating the items we had collected, as well as sharing some love and laughter.



## Bidding 2013 Farewell Soweto Style

When the world looks back on 2013, one of the most memorable events will surely be the passing of former President Nelson Mandela. It was opportune then, that the TAG year-end party took us on a tour of Soweto only a week before Madiba passed away. From the famous Vilakazi Street and a tour of Mandela's home, to the Hector Pieterse Memorial and the Apartheid Museum, the historical tour proved to be a highlight of the year for many staff members.

Nelson Mandela's contribution to the country cannot be overstated. He led the transformation of South Africa into a free and democratic society and leaves a legacy of reconciliation, peace and the triumph of human spirit over all adversity. Thank you Madiba.



## Refiners of waste solvent for industry

The protection of our natural resources is the responsibility of us all and Solref (Pty) Ltd is committed to reducing the risk of groundwater contamination and environmental damage through the indiscriminate dumping of used solvents.

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