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## Poma Newsletter: October 2017

### 1) Audited Accounts

It is with regret that we must advise that the accounts for financial years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 have been withdrawn by our auditors, Messrs Reko of Vredenburg.

This was done to correct the way the accounting was done regarding the sale of berthing rights and the transactions with DockPro, the suppliers of the CANDOC product, which POMA has standardised on for jetties in the Yacht Basin.

Your Board has appointed a VAT tax expert to investigate and propose a way forward regarding the payment of VAT on the initial transactions.

We will call a Members Meeting to fully report on the matter as soon as we have received the report from Webber Wentzel.

### 2) Personnel

#### 2.1) Appointment of Directors

2.1.1) WAG has confirmed the election of Abe Uys as representative with Briers van Rensburg as alternate.

2.1.2) POWA has confirmed the election of Derek Robinson as representative. The alternative position is still vacant and an appointment will be confirmed in due course.

2.1.3) AI&PBHOA will confirm their representatives following their AGM on 18 November 2017.

#### 2.2) Appointment of permanent staff

2.2.1) Tiaan Moore is appointed as Maintenance Manager effective November 2017.

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2.2.2) William Ditire is appointed as Tiaan's expert help, specifically on timber pilings and jetty maintenance.

### **3) Fees**

Attached to this newsletter is a corrected fee document, which now shows the 12 meter category for private jetties, which was omitted in the document sent out earlier due to administrative error.

### **4) Embankment Repairs**

4.1) We are currently busy with the repair on the property next to Greg Lehey and will follow that up with the repair at Jolanda Romani's house. This will conclude the work planned for 2017. Only emergency work is budgeted for the next financial year, due to priority given to dredging work in 2018.

4.2) Below is the formal POMA policy for embankment repair as adopted by the Board.

4.2.1) The distinction is made between Public- and Private Embankments.

4.2.2) Prevention is better than cure. Where embankments show signs of failure, the repair should be effected sooner than later.

4.2.3) The causes of embankment failure can be generally summarised as follows:

- a) Wave and tidal action causing undermining
- b) Water run-off
- c) Actions of property owners

4.2.4) The design of the remedial work will address specifically the cause of the failure.

4.2.5) Where the cause is a result of actions of property owners or non-compliance of building regulations, POMA will not consider itself responsible for repairs.

4.2.6) Where the property owner is in arrears of POMA financial obligations, this may be taken into account when considering its annual repair budget.

4.2.7) All repairs will be subject to available budget finance.

### **5) Dredging**

The dredging season, in terms of our current permit, ended end September. We spent the month of October on servicing and laying-up the dredging machinery. The

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Southern Oceanering equipment on lease to us was returned to them and we have now requested them to remove the rest of their equipment (winches and hydraulic controls) from our dredger.

Depending on the outcome of the negotiations with the DEADP, a decision will be taken regarding the POMA dredger.

A formal stakeholder feedback re the 2017 dredging operations is still outstanding and will be held during November 2017.

## **6) Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Programmes (DEADP)**

At our last meeting with the department on 30 October 2017, the latest ample results on non-organic spoils from CSIR was accepted and we have now been asked, as a final request, to submit sample results for organic spoils. If this is similar to the non-organic results, the spoils will be classified as non-hazardous.

This will significantly improve our prospects of local dumping of spoils and hopefully, allow us to feed all spoils into the river, which will reduce the cost of dredging in future.

We have now been asked to submit our request for amendment of the current permit. We believe this is a major breakthrough and we should be in a position to finalise our dredging plans for 2018 by the end of 2017.

## **7) Berg River Municipality**

7.1) Due to the problem with the audited accounts, we have not received the Grant as envisaged in October.

7.2) A meeting with the Mayoral Committee is scheduled for the week of 6 November and the payment of the grant, as well as the increase of the grant, will be discussed.

Generally, relations with the management at BRM is good. Currently they have their own very urgent problems regarding dealing with the drought and the water shortage. The loss of revenue from the sale of water may impact on the quantum as well as the timing of the payment of the annual grants.

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## **8) Debtors**

The board wants to thank all the clients who are paying their fees regularly. Without your contributions we cannot provide the service everybody expects and deserves.

At the end of October, we still had twelve individuals on the handed-over list. The outstanding amount for these individuals, for the 2016/17 financial year is R114,675.11. This is money that can repair many meters of embankments, walkways and jetty structures. We sincerely hope that our current efforts are recognised and that we recover these funds.

Be safe, use less water and enjoy the stunning weather!

**Abe Uys**

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