



### **SAPPMA technical manual for pipe manufacturing, pipeline design, energy, optimise operation**

THE 5th edition of the Technical Manual compiled and published by SAPPMA (Southern African Plastic Pipe Manufacturers Association) has been released.

Jan Venter, Chief Executive Officer of SAPPMA, says the publication is a valuable tool aimed at assisting designers and the end-users of plastic

pipes in producing pipelines that will last for a very long time.

"It is now eleven years since SAPPMA started publishing an independent, technical manual on the manufacturing of plastic pipes and we believe the 2017-2018 edition is yet another big step forward – both in terms of accuracy and ease of use of this handbook. It offers information, guidance and best in class technical information on how to select the right material, produce accurate designs and choose the correct installation procedures," Venter says.

"The purpose of publishing the SAPPMA Technical Manual is not to replace other publications and codes on the subject. Instead, our hope is that it will serve as a basic, user-friendly guide throughout the various steps of design," Venter explains. He highlights that the information contained in the manual is objective and free of any commercial influence (SAPPMA is a registered non-profit organization).

Copies of the publication are available to design and civil engineers via SAICE or can be purchased directly from SAPPMA.

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### **IISRP publishes worldwide rubber statistics**

THE International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers (IISRP) has published the 2017 edition of Worldwide Rubber Statistics, the world's leading source for authoritative data about synthetic rubber.

This edition of the book, which has been published annually for more than 30 years, has revisions to elastomer plant capacities as the synthetic rubber market continues to be dynamic. Additionally, IISRP's China office has played a key part in this publication to enhance the intelligence on the Chinese market.

The book provides a comprehensive analysis of capacity by elastomer type, by geographical distribution, and by corporate ownership. It also features a graphics section that emphasizes statistics in easy-to-read format and a section on capacities of synthetic rubber production facilities throughout the world, including a section on planned and announced expansions of synthetic rubber plants.

The book is available for order on the IISRP website at

[www.iisrp.com/publications](http://www.iisrp.com/publications)