

Prospectus

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SOUTHERN AFRICAN PLASTIC PIPE
MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Who is SAPPMA

SAPPMA is a voluntary, self-regulating association incorporated under Section 21 as a company not for gain (registration number 2008/019270/08). The company is registered with the Receiver of Revenue for Value Added Tax (VAT number 4320219878)

It represents plastic pipe manufacturers and other stakeholders in the Industry with membership comprising most of the major players in Southern Africa.

The SAPPMA logo is a registered trademark and members who comply with requirements are allowed to use the logo on pipes and fittings they manufacture. The SAPPMA brand is well known and is recognised by design engineers and customers as additional safeguard against poor quality.

The requirements of the Competitions Act 89 of 1998 are strictly adhered to in all areas of operation. A policy of total transparency is followed and all meetings are minuted in detail as well as digitally recorded.

The Purpose of SAPPMA is to create absolute customer confidence in the Plastic Pipe Industry and to ensure the long term sustainability of the Industry, with top quality piping systems.

Introduction

Pipelines are one of three key elements of a country's infrastructure, together with the electrical grid and roads/rail networks. Infrastructural elements are long-term investments in order to provide essential services to citizens with minimum interruption. Well-designed plastic pipelines made with modern polymers are easily capable of lifetimes up to 100 years.

There are many reasons why plastic piping systems have become the material of choice all over the world and conservation of scarce resources is one of them. Electrical energy and water are two of the most precious and scarce resources in many countries and certainly in South Africa. With excellent hydraulic properties, remaining virtually unchanged over its long life, the total pumping cost/electrical consumption required is significantly lowered with plastic pipe. It is furthermore noted that the embedded energy (total energy required to produce the raw material and the final product) of plastic pipe is lower than most other pipe materials.

Plastic pipes are high quality, energy conserving, infrastructural elements, capable of providing essential services for very long times.

The main focus areas of SAPPMA are quality, information, standards and training

Objectives

- Promote and monitor product quality of member companies
- Ensure compliance with all relevant national and international standards and specifications
- Play an instrumental role to upgrade and amend existing standards
- Interact with SABS in terms of standards, certification, testing, monitoring and enforcing
- Measure the state of the industry in terms of relative volumes and growth by regular market surveys which are conducted by specialist market surveyors
- Provide reliable and objective design information to the market by way of consultations, seminars, conferences and technical literature
- Promote the growth of Polyolefin, Rigid & Flexible PVC and GRP piping systems
- Create awareness of conservation of energy and protection of the environment through effective use of plastic piping
- Act as a forum for the Industry
- Maintain effective contact with Consulting engineers and Specifiers
- Interact with Government via DTI

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- Publishing of a Technical Manual which is updated and expanded annually
- Annual Technical Conferences
- Continuous interaction with SANS relative to national standards
- Regular high level meetings and co-operation with SABS
- Facilitate the production of heavy metal-free PVC pipe
- IFPA (Installation and Fabrication Plastic Pipe Association) – a subsidiary association to regulate downstream quality of fabrication and installation
- Regular Factory Audits of pipe companies
- Ad hoc sampling and testing of members' products
- Establishing of minimum quality standards over and above the national product standards
- Interaction with professional engineering bodies such as CESA, IMIESA, SAICE
- Maintenance of an informative website and data base
- Promotion of plastic pipe systems

Benefits to design engineers and customers

- Pipes and fittings produced by SAPPMA members are clearly identified with the SAPPMA logo; this should be proof to engineers or customers of the commitment to quality and differentiation of SAPPMA members
- SAPPMA pipe members are subject to regular and strict factory audits. Audit certificates can be a useful tool for customers in assessing potential suppliers
- Valid customer complaints addressed to SAPPMA are handled without any financial prejudice
- Availability of the SAPPMA Technical Design Handbook
- SAPPMA members are self-regulating and bound by a strict Code of Conduct underwritten by the company's chief executive
- By insisting on the SAPPMA mark when specifying or purchasing plastic pipes, additional quality assurance is obtained
- Conducting regular country wide product quality surveys of all SABS mark bearing piping systems.

Benefits

SAPPMA Membership

1. Categories of membership:

- a. Pipe Manufacturers
(Plastic pipe – PVC, PEHD, PP, GRP, PEX, PERT, PB)
- i. Classification

Large	>9000 tons per year
Medium	4500 – 9000 tons per year
Small	<4500 tons per year

- b. Polymer Suppliers
- c. Other Suppliers

2. Rules

- a. Membership subject to:
 - i. Compliance with ISO 9001 OR successful SAPPMA systems audit
 - ii. Agreement and signing of Code of Conduct
 - iii. Agreement to signing of Letter of Undertaking (pipe manufacturers)
 - iv. Successful factory audit (pipe manufacturers)
 - v. Payment of membership fee
 - vi. Best practices are included in iii above (lead-free PVC production, use of recycled polymer, etc.)
- b. In spite of 2ai above, members are strongly encouraged to implement ISO 9001
- c. New applicants are allowed a window period of 12 months to convert to lead free PVC manufacturing
- d. Re-applications are not allowed any window time and must have all systems in place when applying for membership
- e. The SAPPMA logo may not be used in literature or on the products until full compliance and receipt of a Membership Certificate



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