

# COMMUNITY LIAISON FORUM NEWSLETTER

November 2005

*The SAPREF Community Liaison Forum (CLF) was fully established in 2004. The forum includes a number of community representatives and now meets monthly to talk about environmental and social issues*

*that are of importance to the community. This newsletter is produced by the SAPREF CLF on a regular basis and will serve to keep neighbouring communities informed of the CLF activities.*

## What is the CLF?

THE CLF is a monthly structured meeting with these objectives:

- To engage on social and environmental issues;
- To prioritise social and environmental concerns which affect the surrounding communities, and attempt to reach understanding and consensus on resolving them;
- To receive and discuss reports from SAPREF on its social and environmental performance

The general approach is to find mutually acceptable solutions to these challenges through constructive discussion and debate.

### Membership

The CLF is represented by bona fide, structured organisations and institutions from SAPREF's neighbouring communities, i.e. Isipingo, Athlone Park, Amanzimtoti, Umlazi, Lamontville, Merebank/Merewent, Wentworth, Austerville and the Bluff (including Island View).

Among the members who attend regularly are:

- Athlone Park Civic Association
- Durban South Football Association
- Bluff Peninsula Residents Association
- Isipingo Island Institute
- Merebank Residents Association
- ISIPHO
- Women of Wentworth



*Karthi Govender, an independent consultant, facilitates one of the monthly meetings of the Community Liaison Forum attended by community representatives, local authorities and SAPREF people.*

- Crisis Careline
- Ngizokusiza
- Lamontville HIV Resource Centre
- South Council Association
- Senzakwenzeke Co-Operative
- Settlers Primary School
- Austerville Ratepayers and Residents Association
- Merebank Community Centre
- Restoration Community Projects

Representatives from the local authority and members of Team SAPREF also attend these meetings.

Some of the subjects that have been discussed at the CLF meetings include:

- The progress of the South Durban

Multi-Point Plan; Siva Chetty, the project manager of the Multi-Point Plan, made a presentation to the CLF in this regard.

- The results of the pipeline study and SAPREF's commitment to upgrading the lines
- Employment opportunities for local communities during the shutdown and on the LION project
- Black Economic Empowerment
- SAPREF's operational performance.

There have also been initiatives to facilitate better mutual understanding between the stakeholders in the CLF and develop partnerships

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# Sniffer bakkie for South Durban



Members of SAPREF and the CLF with the new air monitoring vehicle.

AIR quality in South Durban has been given a boost with the addition of a new mobile air sampler. The sampler, which is an idea borne out of the SAPREF CLF's environmental task team, will see the easy detec-

tion of odours in South Durban via the new mobile air monitor.

An open path air sampler and an accompanying laptop computer will be fitted into the dedicated vehicle

and operated by SAPREF's Health, Safety and Environment Department with support from the Complaints Standby team to measure ambient air quality in South Durban.

The sampler is capable of detecting a range of pollutants, including those of non-SAPREF origin which are also present in the area.

The equipment will be applied to wider use in the South Durban Basin where this is of value to SAPREF. This will ensure that SAPREF has its own information about ambient impacts, for example to the south, in addition to the Multi-Point Plan air quality network.

The dedicated vehicle provides mobility, ease of set-up and security for the valuable equipment.

The vehicle will display the CLF logo and personalised number plates, saying "SNIFFER".

The duration of the project is anticipated to be 24 months.

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between organisations. SAPREF hosted the members on a tour of its facilities in July 2004 and in September the CLF went on a tour of SAPREF's neighbouring communities. The tour covered the areas of Isipingo, Malukazi (in Umlazi), Wentworth, Merebank and the Bluff, and representatives from these areas took turns in highlighting the challenges faced by the people in the respective areas.

After a CLF workshop on 5 August 2004, the following topics were agreed as priority areas for discussion at future meetings:

### Social Issues

- Poverty
- HIV/AIDS
- Crime
- Alcoholism/drug abuse
- Community development
- A task team was formed to come up with ideas for specific social

initiatives on which the CLF could focus.

### Environmental Projects

- Pollution/emissions
- Managing complaints
- Environmental education
- Nature conservation
- Permitting process
- Pipeline performance
- Greening SAPREF
- Future environmental initiatives

### CLF Task Teams

The CLF has two task teams mandated to deal with the social and environmental issues:

Some members of the CLF sit in on environmental report-back meetings where data such as MPP readings, emissions from the refinery and other environmental information is tabled.

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## Want to join the CLF?

Community organisations that may be interested in joining the CLF, or who would like to get more information about the forum, have an open invitation to contact the CLF's independent facilitator, advocate Karthi Govender on fax: (031) 266 7059 or e-mail: [karthi@teamdynamix.co.za](mailto:karthi@teamdynamix.co.za)

If an organisation wishes to join the CLF, a letter of information outlining the organisation's mission and objectives as well as its location, area of work, etc, should be sent to the facilitator.

social initiatives on which the CLF could focus. Some of the projects identified have included poverty alleviation by growing food in tunnels and a soccer development programme.

# Nine become soccer coaches

NINE individuals from different South Durban communities were recently inducted as coaches as part of the Soccer Development Programme initiated by SAPREF's Community Liaison Forum.

The young men who participated in a rigorous three-day training regime conducted by Patrick Moodley of the South African Football Association (SAFA) are now qualified to coach learners from the primary schools which were selected by the soccer development task team to be part of this programme.

The primary schools participating are Dirkie Uys Primary School (Bluff), Auster-ville Primary School (Austerville), Wentworth Primary School (Wentworth), Settlers Primary School (Merebank), Nizam Road Primary School (Merebank), Embokodweni Primary School (Ezimbokodweni), Isipingo Primary School (Isipingo Hills), Bantu Vukani Primary School (Lamontville), Buyani Primary School (Umlazi).

The Soccer Development Programme initiative is aimed at unearthing and capitalising on soccer talent in South Durban ahead of the 2010 World Cup. The refinery has thrown its weight behind the programme by investing R200 000.

Jomo Sibisi, co-ordinator of the committee, explains that the initiative grew out of a suggestion made at a Community Liaison Forum meeting, and said it was a good example of how collaboration could



*SAPREF MD Wayne Pearce (back, fourth from left), together with Patrick Moodley from SAFA (yellow jersey) and SAPREF Sustainable Development Manager Lora Rossler (seated in front), congratulate the nine individuals from different communities in South Durban who were awarded coach certificates after a comprehensive training regime by Patrick Moodley as part of the CLF's Soccer Development Programme.*

## Soccer Development Programme

deliver benefits to the community.

A small sub-group met to develop a proposal, and it was decided that participating schools would be chosen from areas in South Durban.

Primary schools in the surrounding communities were invited to send in entries motivating selection for the programme. An advert and application form was placed in community newspapers and the nine schools were subsequently selected for the pilot programme.

Amongst other things the programme has provided, is out-of-school coaching assistance to learners, provision of kit and accredited

training of unemployed youth as coaches. Other areas to be covered include the importance of good sportsmanship, self-discipline and a healthy lifestyle. Sibisi said that leadership skills, improved academic performance, school management and improved school and self-image were part of the long-term objectives of the Soccer Development Programme.

Said sustainable development manager Lora Rossler, "This initiative is bringing a range of benefits from the development of coaches and encouraging sport participation at primary school level to generating enthusiasm ahead of the 2010 World Cup."

Sibisi said a review of the pilot programme would help determine the ongoing development of the initiative in coming years.

## Leaflet to help residents ID odours

A LEAFLET has been initiated by the environmental task team of the SAPREF Community Liaison Forum (CLF) to help South Durban residents identify odours and their possible causes. It lists odours as well as possible sources.

The leaflet also explains the process when odours are reported to the eThekweni Health Department or to SAPREF.

The purpose of the leaflet is to give residents sufficient information to enable them to describe odours

more accurately if they have complaints. This will help the eThekweni Health Department or other industries to better investigate and locate the sources of the odours.

The leaflet has been distributed in letter boxes. Residents may also call Prudence Mbatha on (031) 480 1303 to request a copy.

The environmental task team is working with SAPREF on a number of other initiatives which will be publicised shortly.

## How to identify odours in South Durban

This leaflet was produced by the environmental task team of the SAPREF Community Liaison Forum. Its purpose is to give neighbours sufficient information to enable them to describe the odour more accurately if they have a complaint. This will better equip the eThekweni health department or SAPREF to investigate and locate the source of the odour.

Odour complaints contact numbers  
eThekweni Health Dept  
031-361 0000  
SAPREF:  
0800 33 00 90



## Partnership achieves soccer dreams ahead of 2010

THE nine schools participating in the SAPREF Community Liaison Forum's Soccer Development Programme took part in a tournament at the Tara Road Grounds in Wentworth on 20 October.

Each team from the schools, namely Dirkie Uys Primary, Austerville Primary, Wentworth Primary, Settlers Primary, Nizam Road Primary, Embokodweni Primary, Isipingo Primary, Bantu Vukani Primary and Buyani Primary, got a chance to play and all teams received a trophy sponsored by the LION project from SAPREF MD Wayne Pearce.

CLF members were present in their numbers and an enjoyable time was had by all!



*Clockwise from top: action on the field; SAPREF MD Wayne Pearce addressing the learners; CLF and SAPREF people pose for a photo; Wayne Pearce presents an award.*

