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Dear Members

May I start by wishing you all the very best of luck for 2009. May we enjoy peace, good health and sufficient prosperity to be comfortable. It is going to be tough year but we each have the choice of either talking ourselves into a depression or of rolling up our sleeves and working our way through the turmoil. It is times like these that separate the doers from the talkers and this is when we need inspirational leadership more than ever. It is a time to step forward with positive action or to step sideways out of the way. Standing still will not be helpful.

We have a bumper programme of **SANEA** activities for 2009 and I would like to introduce these to you.

Annual General Meeting and Board Appointments

The AGM, which takes place on 17 March 2009 at the Country Club Johannesburg, Woodmead is one of the most important events on our calendar. It is the event where you, the members, show your support for the work of the Directors of **SANEA** and endorse the direction proposed or you propose alternative strategies and actions that will provide better value to you as members. This meeting is particularly important as three new Board members will be appointed and we can expect the injection of fresh ideas.

In January 2009 we notified members that Jean Madzongwe, Siphon Nkosi and Marius Willems had indicated they would not be available to serve on the Board for the 2009 / 10 period. We called for nominations and I am pleased to report that three eminent energy personalities have been nominated. At the AGM, the Board will recommend to members that these nominees be appointed as Board members. These nominees are:

James Arnott	Senior Executive	Accenture
Dr Benny Mokaba	Executive Director	Sasol Oil
Silas Zimu	Chief Executive	City Power

Annual Dinner

This traditional event in the **SANEA** calendar will take place on 17 March 2009 at the Country Club Johannesburg, Woodmead immediately after the AGM. This event is exclusively for **SANEA** Members and stakeholders and is gaining in popularity. We hope that members will rate the 2009 evening as one of the best ever.

Technical Lectures

Our monthly technical lectures will continue through the year. The average attendance in 2008 was an exciting 93 persons. We hope to beat this level of interest and break through the 100 barrier in 2009. Sasol have agreed to provide meeting facilities at their Head Quarters for another year and the lectures in Gauteng will continue to take place there. The calendar with the proposed topics is on the website. Please let us have your suggestions for lecture topics and speakers. We could consider arranging more events if there is sufficient interest.

We will consider holding a lecture in Durban and also one in Cape Town to test the waters with members in those areas. If there is a member that would be willing to provide the venue for such an event please contact me.

Business Breakfast Briefings

We launched the **B³** events last year [Business Briefing Breakfasts – B Cubed]. These events are different from our normal activities in that they are by invitation only and the invitations are addressed to senior people in the Corporate category. The first meeting for 2009 will take place on Thursday, 05 March 2009 at the Country Club Johannesburg, Woodmead. We will be addressed by Brigette Baillie, a partner from Webber Wentzel, on the topical issue of finding finance and closing deals. More information is contained in the invitation.

SANEA Energy Awards 2009

We have send out nomination forms for the **SANEA** Energy Awards for 2009. These Awards provide the opportunity for us to recognise contributions towards the development of the energy sector in South Africa. The categories are broad based to be inclusive of people involved in the energy sector. Following on the success of the 2008 event, we will hold a gala dinner on 30 July 2009 at which these awards will be presented. This will be a prestigious dinner and we are inviting sponsors to contribute to the evening.

SANEA Energy Forum

We plan to hold an Energy Forum on 4 and 5 June 2009 to provide a current overview of the South African Energy Sector. Attendance will be limited and details will be published next month. This will be a valuable opportunity for delegates to bring themselves up to speed on the current activities in our industry.

Energy Leaders Learning Together

We will be piloting a series of interactive dialogue sessions which will provide an opportunity for energy leaders, and potential leaders, to exchange views and broaden their understanding of topical issues facing South Africans. If the pilots are successful this will become a formal part of the **SANEA** programme.

All in all, 2009 promises to be packed with **SANEA** activities, all of which are centred on our Vision of “Energy People Working Together”. I hope that many of you will attend these events and will continue to support **SANEA** in our mission “To promote the sustainable supply and use of energy for the benefit of all.”

Kind Regards



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