

**ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL WORKSHOP:
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT 107 OF 1998:
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REGULATIONS - 2010**



Date: **7 October 2010**

Venue: **IMBEWU's Offices** (Parkwood, Johannesburg)

Price: **R1 500.00/person** (refreshments and light lunch included)

Time: **08.30am to 13.30pm**

2010 EIA Regulations:

New EIA Regulations under NEMA were published on 18 June 2010 and were then amended and came into effect on **2 August 2010**. These Regulations and the associated suite of Listing Notices have repealed the previous NEMA EIA Regulations and Listed Activities. Environmental Management Framework regulations also came into effect on 2 August 2010.

These developments have introduced a number of important changes in the South African EIA regulatory regime. It is essential for industry and for environmental assessment practitioners to have a clear appreciation and understanding of the implications of these recent developments.

The Workshop will be presented following an informal and interactive approach, with attention to attendees' practical experience and areas of concern.

Focus will be on the following key issues:

- raising awareness around the recent developments and the current and future implications;
- identifying and assessing the implications of key changes from the previous suite of NEMA EIA Regulations;

- clarifying the current status of “mining” related listed activities and competent authorities;
- explaining the transitional provisions of the new EIA Regulations.

Confirmed attendees will be invited, prior to the date of the workshop, to communicate the key issues and concerns that they would like to see covered to IMBEWU. The presenters will endeavour to address such issues and concerns in the workshop. Attendees will also be provided with an up-to-date bundle of the key current legislation relating to the new EIA regulations.

Know your facilitators



Catherine Warburton (BA LLB) practised as an attorney at Moolmans Attorneys Inc, concentrating on environmental legal issues for two and a half years before joining the Anglo American Group as an environmental legal counsel until the end of 2000. Thereafter she established IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Specialists (Pty) Ltd. She has acted as the Managing Director of IMBEWU for ten years (See www.imbewu.co.za for more information on the company team and activities).

She has more than fourteen years practical experience in the relatively new field of environmental law in South Africa. Her experience has been mainly developed across a broad spectrum of large industrial and mining concerns in a number of countries. She has also assisted NGO groups and government with legal advice and has provided input into governmental policy development in South Africa. Catherine has been involved in the environmental legal aspects of the Gautrain Rapid Rail Link Project as specialist advisor since 2002 and has advised on a number of development projects and climate and energy related projects.

She completed a two and a half year international sustainable development training programme in 2001 entitled LEAD i.e. Leadership for the Environment and Development. Catherine has developed specific expertise in the area of climate change. Catherine is also the Managing Partner of Warburton Attorneys (www.warburtons.co.za) and serves on the Law Society's Environmental Affairs Committee.



Michael Vermaak holds a BSc (Honours) degree in plant sciences and geography and an LLB degree and has specialised in environmental law for over twelve years (he is currently a Senior Environmental Legal Consultant at IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Specialists (Pty) Ltd and a Consultant at Warburton Attorneys). Michael has also had direct exposure to environmental consulting. This background reinforces his particular interest in the practical "on-the-ground" application and implications of environmental law and the challenges of achieving and sustaining compliance in the highly fragmented and dynamic South African environmental legal regime.

His interests are reflected in his focus on environmental legal compliance evaluations ("audits") and risk assessments, having undertaken such evaluations at a very wide range of industrial and mining operations throughout South Africa. Other key areas of interest include environmental permitting, licensing and authorisation processes, strategising for multiple authorisation processes for large-scale projects and the alignment and streamlining of process and public participation requirements. Michael has also presented training courses and presentations on a range of environmental legal issues.

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Please note: There is also the possibility of having the legal training workshop delivered only to your organisation. This customised package may be more cost effective for your organisation. For more information contact Michael Vermaak on 011 214 0660/1 or michael@imbewu.co.za