



THE SOUTH AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS

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COMPANY AFFILIATION

1. INTRODUCTION

The South African Institute of Agricultural Engineers (SAIAE) promotes Agricultural Engineering which involves the application of the engineering principles of science and technology as well as knowledge of agricultural practices to agricultural production and processing systems and plays a vital role in the economic development of a country. Important work areas exist in the following fields:

- Water supply and irrigation
- Agricultural mechanization
- Soil conservation
- Agricultural buildings and structures.
- Food and fibre production processing.

2. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of SAIAE consists of Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Members, Graduates, Diplomats, Companions and Students. Fellows, Members, Graduates, Diplomats and certain Honorary Fellows form the Corporate Membership of the Institute while Companions and the Students form the Non-Corporate Membership of the Institute. Company affiliation complements SAIAE in advancement of the profession.

3. COMPANY AFFILIATION WITH SAIAE

Company Affiliates represent the private sector employers of engineering professionals and, as such, play a vital role in the development of the profession. Close ties between SAIAE and industry, via Company Affiliate membership, is essential for future co-operation. It is important for the Agricultural Engineering profession to have employer involvement. As professionals, employers are the main users of our unique skills and abilities. We need to work together to grow and advance this special and unique profession. The benefits Companies as Affiliates include the following:

- Employers who become Company Affiliates confirm their commitment to the Agricultural Engineering Profession, and gain access to a formal forum to influence the future direction and need of Agricultural Engineers.

- Employers who are Company Affiliates also get unique access to the Agricultural Engineering community with corporate branding opportunities on our website, at our conferences and through our newsletters.
- Company affiliates create more opportunity for networking with other Agricultural Engineers and disciplines in southern Africa and can use the opportunity to sponsor activities to broaden their visibility.
- Partnership creates opportunity and broadens our influence!

4. BENEFITS FOR COMPANY AFFILIATION WITH SAIAE

By Joining SAIAE, companies and institutions would:

- Be part of an Agricultural Engineering platform which offers opportunities to exchange knowledge and experience and to establish partnerships;
- Can make their voice heard: Contribute to improving understanding between stakeholders, while enabling new ideas on Agricultural Engineering to develop;
- Stay informed on recent Agricultural Engineering news and events through SAIAE;
- Receive the updates on upcoming events;
- Utilize the opportunity to engage in professional networking and information exchange activities through participation in SAIAE events; and
- Benefit from Company Membership, includes the following: - special registration fees for SAIAE events; - special exhibition rates during SAIAE events; - special advertisement rates in SAIAE publications, website, etc.; and- free announcements of activities through SAIAE Website and SAIAE News.

Although Company Affiliates will not have any voting powers they will have certain benefits that will be mutually beneficial for them and the SAIAE:

- Company affiliation is open to any institution or company engaged in activities related to Agricultural Engineering.
- Company Membership is open to the following categories of institutions and companies: - institutions or organizations involved in research, development and training in Agricultural Engineering; - educational institutions offering programs in Agricultural Engineering; and- companies which promote, design, execute or supervise Agricultural Engineering related projects and /or develop, supply or apply relevant equipment, instrumentation, hardware or software.
- Each Company Affiliate can nominate one specific person to participate in SAIAE activities and to receive benefits from SAIAE.
- Company Affiliate branding on the SAIAE website by incorporating the Company logo and a 100-word profile together with a URL link to their own website.
- Discounted rates to exhibit and attend the SAIAE Bi-Annual Conference together with branding at the conference, and listed as a Company Affiliate in the program and conference website. Product flyers for inclusion in conference bags.
- Invitation to Branch meetings and National conferences.

5. APPLICATION FOR COMPANY AFFILIATION

- The application form for Company Affiliate of the Institute is available on SAIAE website for download, which must be submitted to the SAIAE Office via e-mail (boeboe@saili.co.za) along with the details of payment. The application should be accompanied with the required supporting documents and admission fee as shown in 'Subscription Structure'.
- The Institute has set up a Company Affiliate Administering Sub-Committee which will take the decision to provide Provisional Company Affiliate, subject to ratification by the

immediately following SAIAE Council meeting. The decision of the Council shall be applicable with retrospective effect from the date of granting Provisional Company Affiliate. The provisional affiliation will, for all practical purposes, enjoy the benefits as stipulated above. Applicants will be notified, in writing, by the Secretary to that effect.

- If a Company Affiliate acts in violation of the SAIAE constitution, the By-laws or the decisions of the Institute, or harms the interests of the Institute unreasonably, e.g. by non-payment of annual subscriptions, the Company's affiliation will be terminated. The company involved can submit a written appeal of the termination to the Council within a month after receipt of the written notice thereof. During the term of appeal and pending the issue, the company is suspended from affiliation.

- Company Affiliation can be terminated:

- Because of liquidation of an institution or company;
- By written notice of termination to the Council by the company; or
- By written notice of termination to the company or institution involved, with reasons given, by the Council.

- Company Affiliate will be terminated on non-payment of annual affiliation subscription, and the company will be informed accordingly. Non-payment occurs when the Company Affiliate involved has not paid its due within 3 months of it becoming due on the 1st of March of every financial year without any notification from the SAIAE Office. The Company Affiliate may reapply for membership by paying a nominal admission fee.

- **PRICING STRUCTURE FOR COMPANY AFFILIATION**

Company Affiliation is R 5 000 per annum (2017) and will be determined every year.

- **COMPANY AFFILIATION CERTIFICATE**

A "Company Affiliation Certificate" will be issued that can be displayed prominently to demonstrate affiliation with the South African Institute of Agricultural Engineers (SAIAE)

- **APPLICATION FORM**

Attached