



**21 August 2017**

**Dear SAIAE Member**

**INVITATION: AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING STUDY TOUR OF THE WESTERN CAPE**

A study tour in the Western Cape is being arranged to take place from 26 to 28 September 2017.

The main purpose of the tour is to visit Piket Implements in Piketberg, where members will be able to view the production of implements.

In order to make the time spent travelling to Piketberg interesting and worthwhile, a number of other visits have been arranged, including a visit to Neethlingshof winery, where wine production will be explained with a tour of the winery by the wine maker Mr. De Wet Viljoen, a visit to the PPC Cement production unit in Piketberg as well as a nearby farm where harvesting and packaging activities will be viewed.

The purpose of the study tour is to provide an opportunity for SAIAE members to view typical agricultural engineering activities in action. In particular it would be very valuable for young candidate or professional engineers and technicians to attend, in order to get exposure to different technologies and to interact with more experienced SAIAE members as part of their professional development.

Attached please find the preliminary program. The tour will start in Stellenbosch, with a luxury bus departing at 11:00 on 26 September 2017 and arriving back in Stellenbosch at approximately 18:00 on 28 September 2017.

It is therefore with great pleasure that SAIAE would like to invite you to attend the study tour. Attached please find the registration form, which can be submitted to SAIAE's business manager, Boeboe Neethling, at [boeboe@saili.co.za](mailto:boeboe@saili.co.za) (contact number 072 928 3628 for enquiries).

We look forward to meeting you in Stellenbosch in September.

Yours sincerely

Boeboe Neethling



## **Study Tour: Western Cape**

### **Preliminary program**

#### Tuesday 26 September 2017

- 09:30 Registration – MBB offices, Stellenbosch
- 11:00 Bus departs from MBB offices in Stellenbosch
- 12:00 Arrive at Neethlingshof winery with light lunch served
- 13:30 Presentation by Mr De Wet Viljoen and viewing of the winery
- 16:30 Bus departs to Mykonos, Langebaan
- 19:00 Dinner and overnight accommodation at Club Mykonos

#### Wednesday 27 September 2017

- 07:00 Bus departs to Piketberg, (breakfast will be given as a take away for on the bus)
- 10:30 Piket Implements with Mr Carel van Niekerk
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Bus departs to PPC Cement
- 14:30 PPC Piketberg - visit
- 17:00 Bus departs to Dunn's Castle, Piketberg for social function and overnight accommodation

#### Thursday 28 September 2017

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 08:00 Bus departs to the potato farm of Mr Visser, for the viewing of potato harvesting and packaging
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Bus departs back to Stellenbosch
- 18:00 Arrival at MBB, Stellenbosch (estimated time)