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**Fire destroys 2 footwear component factories**

Pietermaritzburg, KZN, SA – 2 footwear component factories were completely destroyed in a fire over the weekend. A group of 5 adjacent factories were burnt down.  
 KNL Tool & Die, which manufactures built and firm soles, and moulded PVC and TPR units, lost machinery, raw material stocks and finished goods, director **Sagran Nacker** said this morning. "I can't put a value on it," he said, "but the loss is in the millions."  
 He said the plant had been making approximately 800 pairs/day for customers in Pietermaritzburg, Durban and Johannesburg.  
 He couldn't estimate how long it would take to re-open.  
 CMT upper manufacturer Divine Shoes was the other affected footwear component manufacturer. MD **Nellian Pillay** could not be reached for comment.

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**Beier Group appoints CEO**

**Sergio Guerrero**, Euro Industrials Pinetown, KZN, SA – The Beier Group, which includes BBF Safety Group, Neucoat, Beier Envirotec, and Beier Drawtek Healthcare, has appointed **Warren Sachs** as CEO.  
 A full report will be carried in the August edition of S&V Footwear & Leather Goods.

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**Wage agreements to cover all parties**

Durban, KZN, SA - Following a Special Council Meeting on 01 August, the National Bargaining Council of the Leather Industry of SA will now forward an application to the minister to extend all 3 collective agreements and Agency Shop, covering Footwear, General Goods and Tanning, to non-parties, NBC general secretary **Itham Ryneveld** confirmed last week.

**SAFLEC staff member leaves**

Durban, KZN, SA - **Priya Ramklawan**, project officer for SAFLEC and the eThekweni Footwear & Leather Cluster, has resigned to pursue a new career. An advertisement for a replacement person is carried below.

**Administrator Vacancy - SAFLEC**

- Plan and execute Training sessions, Workshops and meetings
  - Minute taking and report back from meetings on deliverables
  - Be pedantic about documentation accuracy
  - Must have advanced knowledge of excel for stats analysis and in creating PowerPoints and reports with graphs etc
  - Complete and submit funding applications
  - Manage data tracking spreadsheets and reports
  - Keep feedback records and reports of the same up to date
  - Communication and marketing skills to act as the contact point between internal team members and members
  - Member and stakeholder relationship management skills to maintain professional communication with these persons and maintain a high level of satisfaction
  - Understand social media platforms with ability to load and increase engagement
  - Time management and prioritization skills to ensure efficient functioning of schedules and office systems
  - Be proficient in IT related tasks, like setting up zoom meetings, using software for invitation creation etc
- Requirements**
- Grade 12, any further qualification would be beneficial
  - At least 4 year's experience in a working environment (either contract or permanent)
  - Must be IT efficient with a high level of proficiency with MS Office packages, including Excel, PowerPoint, Canva & Similar.
  - I've 'tilled the gap', thank you, says L. Cohen, says **Martin Cohen**.
  - Knowledgeable on all Social Media platforms and how to manage these social media platforms (this is very important)
  - Comfortable with change and excellent team player
  - Comfortable with learning and adapting to new systems
- CV's to be sent by 15 August 2024 to [priya\\_esp@saflec.co.za](mailto:priya_esp@saflec.co.za)

In case you missed it!

**The July issue of S&V Footwear & Leather Goods Magazine**

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  - Their strategy hasn't unfolded as they expected, says The Vault International Clothing's **Kamlesh Chagan**.
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**They Said It**

*"We are all just prisoners here of our own device."* - From Hotel California, by The Eagles, 1976.

**Got anything you'd like to share?**

Do you have any suggestions, comments or experiences about the industry that you'd like to share with the industry? - [tony@svmag.co.za](mailto:tony@svmag.co.za)

**Birthdays this week**

- 05/08/1933: **Roberto Marchesi**, designer, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.  
 05/08/1943: **Barry Selby**, The Athlete's Foot, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.  
 05/08/1953: **Iqbal Moosa**, Jumbo Footwear, Pietermaritzburg, KZN, SA.  
 05/08/1956: **Rafiq Shah**, Ewoné, Pietermaritzburg, KZN, SA.  
 05/08/1961: **Vaughn van der Merwe**, World of Workwear, Germiston, Gauteng, SA.  
 05/08/1964: **Christo Nel**, Conlo Jinery, Welkom, Free State, SA.  
 05/08/1979: **Deepesh Ghela**, National Athletic Manufacturers, Pietermaritzburg, KZN, SA.  
 06/08/1953: **Naren Ferrunde**, Palm group, Durban, KZN, SA.  
 06/08/1951: **Marius Patreira**, retired, formerly Bolton Footwear, Great Brak River, W. Cape, SA.  
 06/08/1942: **Mahomed Farouk Moosa Seedat**, Prince International, Durban, KZN, SA.  
 06/08/1959: **Mano Chetty**, Borage Trading, Pinetown, KZN, SA.  
 07/08/1951: **Frik Janse van Rensburg**, Martin Nefdt Agencies, Port Elizabeth, E. Cape, SA.  
 07/08/1979: **Frik Janse van Rensburg**, retired to Margate, KZN, formerly Game Skin & Leather Tanning (closed), Brits, N.W. Province, SA.  
 03/02/1950: **Eidon Fortmann**, retired, formerly Bagshaw, Port Elizabeth, E. Cape, SA.  
 08/08/1953: **Doug Hawkey**, retired, formerly Columbia Marketing/Apex Components (closed), Pinetown, KZN, SA.  
 08/??/???: **Linda Davie**, S&V Magazine, Durban, KZN, SA.  
 09/08/1986: **PG Needham**, Needham Leather Goods, Pretoria, Gauteng, SA.  
 09/08/1998: **Waseem Carrim**, Bossini Collezione D'Italia, Rustenburg, N.W. Province, SA.  
 10/08/1963: **Kevin Davidson**, Nakara Leather, Namibia.  
 10/08/1951: **Grant Hovner**, Fusion Leather, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.  
 10/08/1968: **Julius Govender**, Michelo Shoes, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.  
 10/08/1971: **Shane McEvoy**, Diddle Shoes, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.  
 11/08/1978: **Andy Stern**, Intershu, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.  
 11/08/1953: **Natasha Singh**, Palm Footwear, Durban, KZN, SA.

**In memoriam this week**

- 05/08/2002: **Darryl Austin** (b. 21/02/1947), Austin Shoes, Karmino Shoes [both closed], Pietermaritzburg, KZN, SA.  
 06/08/2012: **Bob Johnsen** (b. ?), Picannini Shoes [closed], footwear designer, Durban, KZN, SA.  
 06/08/2021: **Ben Peters** (b. 30/09/1934), Tuttex, Port Elizabeth, E. Cape, SA.  
 08/08/2010: **Gayle Davies** (b. 02/04/1945), Edcon [closed], Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.  
 08/08/2019: **Ben Cartoon** (b. 08/10/1946), Paris Belts, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.  
 09/08/2013: **Daniël Bruwer** (Stoffel) Matthis (b. 04/05/1934), SHALC and many meat industry bodies, Pretoria, Gauteng, SA.  
 09/08/2020: **John Kellett** (b. 25/10/1939), Durata Shoe Works [closed], Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.  
 09/08/2020: **Suliman Mohamed Ahmed** (b. 21/05/1949), Shoe Valley, Benoni, Gauteng, SA.  
 10/08/2006: **Abdool Kader (AK) Seedat** (b. 12/03/1933), agent, Durban, KZN, SA.  
 11/08/2011: **Ken Riches** (b. 15/07/1922), LIRI [closed], educator, Port Elizabeth, E. Cape, SA.  
 11/08/2022: **Walter Kassier** (b. 12/01/1946), Eston Leather [closed], Eston, KZN, SA.

Have you let us know about your birthday, or the birthdays of your colleagues? Our readers love this section, so please become part of it. This also applies to the In Memoriam section. Help us remember former colleagues.

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Over 4500 entries, divided into:  
 • Leather • Components & Services  
 • Footwear & Leather Goods  
 • Commission Agents, • Retailers  
 • Associations & Support Organisations  
 • and much, much more

The comprehensive Directory, which lists the names of personnel, cell numbers, emails, descriptions of products & services, and much more, is also available by subscription only.  
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**Directory entries updated last week**

Christin's Manufacturers (Pty) Ltd, Cape Town, W. Cape, SA.  
 Sole Agents Distribution (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA.

**Exchange rates**

Note: For previous rates, see [HERE](#)

1. SA Rand (ZAR)/Lesotho Loti (LSL)/Namibian Dollar (NAD)/Swazi Lilangeni (SZL)

Source: <http://www.x-rates.com/calculator/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
01/06/2024	R20.41	R23.96	R18.81	R2.59
08/06/2024	R20.40	R24.02	R18.87	R2.60
18/06/2024	R19.47	R23.03	R18.16	R2.50
23/06/2024	R19.22	R22.74	R17.97	R2.47
29/06/2024	R19.44	R22.95	R18.14	R2.49
07/07/2024	R19.74	R23.35	R18.23	R2.50
13/07/2024	R19.60	R23.32	R17.96	R2.47
20/07/2024	R19.89	R23.61	R18.27	R2.51
27/07/2024	R19.88	R23.55	R18.29	R2.52
03/08/2024	R19.92	R23.39	R18.27	R2.55

2. Botswana Pula

Source: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	CNY ¥
01/06/2024	14.74	17.31	13.59	1.87
08/06/2024	14.82	17.45	13.71	1.89
18/06/2024	14.52	17.18	13.55	1.86
23/06/2024	14.45	17.11	13.52	1.86
29/06/2024	14.53	17.15	13.56	1.86
07/07/2024	14.76	17.46	13.63	1.87
13/07/2024	14.70	17.49	13.47	1.85
20/07/2024	14.71	17.46	13.51	1.85
27/07/2024	14.80	17.53	13.62	1.87
03/08/2024	14.83	17.41	13.60	1.90

3. Malawian Kwacha (MWK) (buying)

Source: <https://www.rbm.mw/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	ZAR
01/06/2024	1912.34	2247.95	1716.73	94.10
08/06/2024	1925.25	2260.15	1716.73	93.44
18/06/2024	1897.13	2244.77	1716.73	96.93
23/06/2024	1895.01	2239.46	1716.73	98.39
29/06/2024	1890.06	2233.45	1716.73	95.73
07/07/2024	1913.40	2258.56	1716.73	97.10
13/07/2024	1921.86	2283.53	1717.02	96.27
20/07/2024	1924.69	2286.18	1717.02	96.71
27/07/2024	1914.74	2273.98	1717.02	96.61
03/08/2024	1910.19	2252.40	1717.02	97.14

4. Zambian Kwacha (ZMW) (buying)

Source: <https://www.boz.zm/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	ZAR
01/06/2024	28.45	33.32	26.17	1.39
08/06/2024	28.55	33.57	26.36	1.39
18/06/2024	27.73	32.80	25.90	1.41
23/06/2024	27.36	32.36	25.58	1.42
29/06/2024	26.42	31.22	24.69	1.35
07/07/2024	26.47	31.31	24.45	1.34
13/07/2024	27.85	33.17	25.57	1.42
20/07/2024	27.89	33.09	25.61	1.39
27/07/2024	28.37	33.61	26.12	1.43
03/08/2024	28.15	33.09	25.85	1.42

5. Zimbabwe Dollar (ZWL\$) (average) / Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG)

Source: Source: <https://www.rbz.co.zw/>

	Euro €	GBP £	US \$	ZAR
01/06/2024	ZIG 14.40	ZIG 16.94	ZIG 13.31	ZIG 1.41
08/06/2024	NA	NA	NA	NA
18/06/2024	ZIG 14.45	ZIG 17.12	ZIG 13.48	ZIG 1.35
23/06/2024	ZIG 14.54	ZIG 17.21	ZIG 13.59	ZIG 1.34
29/06/2024	ZIG 14.64	ZIG 17.30	ZIG 13.70	ZIG 1.32
07/07/2024	ZIG 14.81	ZIG 17.48	ZIG 13.69	ZIG 1.33
13/07/2024	NA	NA	NA	NA
20/07/2024	ZIG 14.93	ZIG 17.74	ZIG 13.71	ZIG 1.33
27/07/2024	ZIG 14.96	ZIG 17.72	ZIG 13.78	ZIG 1.32
03/08/2024	ZIG 14.87	ZIG 17.53	ZIG 13.77	ZIG 1.32

Note: For previous rates, see [HERE](#)

**ABSA Agri Trends: Hides & skins prices**

Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA (02 August 2024) - The average hide price remained 2.787/kg, the same as a week ago. The current price is 13.15% lower than the average price a month ago and 10.14% lower than the average price a year ago. The range of prices reported was as follows: Minimum price: R2.75 Maximum price: R3.00. Price movements will be highly influenced by developments in the status of our animal diseases. Please note: Our methodology weighs the prices we collect according to the number of hides they sell in a month. This is done to make it more representative of the prevailing market price. NB\* Hide prices are determined by the average of the RMAA (Red Meat Abattoir Association) and independent companies. - **Marlene Louw**, senior agricultural economist, and **Nkhensani Mashimbyi**, agricultural economist, and **Zama Sangweni**, agricultural economist, Absa group.

Note: For previous prices, see [HERE](#)

**Have a look at these links**

We invite businesses to send us links to websites, Facebook pages and the like which they feel would be of interest to others. The links below are from our database:

- [Tabitha Footwear](#), Klerksdoop, N.W. Province, SA, Footwear manufacturer.
- [Table Bay Upholstery](#), Cape Town, W. Cape, SA, Fabric supplier.

**THIS WEEK LAST YEAR!**

Chamberlain Phipps were expecting improved trading towards year end.

Bolton Footwear sales were on par with previous year.

Online had shown growth for Sole Base.

Richemont bought top Italian shoe factory Gianvito Rossi.

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**THIS WEEK FIVE YEARS AGO!!**

Comment from 5 retailers was mostly bad for the week but better for the month overall.

Green Cross had hurt AVI results.

**Morné Gerber** joined Leather From Hart from The Little Slipper Company.

For **Ashley Pillay**, PA to the General Secretary, the year marked 30 years service with the NBC.

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