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Wage negotiations

NULAW accepts General Goods and Tanning offers, SACTWU has still to respond

Gerald Naidoo, General Secretary/Principal Officer, National Bargaining Council of the Leather Industry of SA General Goods and Handbag Sector: The second round of wage negotiations took place in Cape Town on 03 and 04 May 2023.

- 1) Wage Increase: An increase of 7% on all prescribed operations with effect from 1 July 2023.
2) Family Responsibility Leave: Family Responsibility Leave will be increased by one day's unpaid leave, effective from 1 July 2023.

NULAW has accepted the employer's offer of settlement whilst SACTWU has indicated that they would need to consult their members before providing an official response to the settlement offer.

Tanning Sector: SATEO has made a final offer of settlement to SACTWU & NULAW as follows: 1) Wage Increase: A wage increase of 7.25% on all prescribed operations with effect from 1 July 2023.

- 2) Learners: The provisions for learners in Schedule 1 shall be amended as follows: Learner-ship shall apply to employees employed on Bands A1, A2, B, C and E in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
3) Family Responsibility Leave: The scope of Family Responsibility Leave will be broadened to include "when the employee's biological grandparent is sick".

Footwear: The second round of the Footwear Sector wage negotiation will take place in Durban on 16th & 17th May 2023.

Retailing

Jerry Robins, Elegant Man Matatiel, Mt Ayiliff and Mthatha (E. Cape), Kokstad (KZN), SA - Temperatures are down and winter is on its way but we hope that business will warm up. Times are tough - we are now competing with 25+ new stores post lockdown in our small little town.

The May issue of S&V African Leather Magazine

AFRICAN LEATHER Magazine 17, No. 05, May 2023. Includes cover image and 'CLICK HERE TO VIEW IT ONLINE' button.

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08 Sustainability - Sustainable Leather Foundation awarded contract from Joint Action SIPS to support improvement and development in the SADC region, writes MD Deborah Taylor.

Advertisers in this Issue

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Stock Exchange News Service

TFG: 14% growth in 4th quarter

Cape Town, W. Cape, SA (Wednesday, 10 May 2023) - Salient features: - Plesing Group retail turnover growth of 14,3% achieved in Q4 FY2023, compared to Q4 FY2022, despite the unprecedented levels of load shedding experienced in South Africa and global macroeconomic challenges; - The Group delivered retail turnover growth of 19,4% for the twelve months ended 31 March 2023.

They Said It

"Great mag! Thanks for adding my comments. I just noticed a slight spelling error. My name is Robert Manock not Richard Manock and our brand is called Manock Naturals not Manock Originals!" - I suppose if you're going to get things wrong, you may as well do it properly. Apologies, Robert. I actually did know, but my mind was obviously elsewhere.

New subscribers last week

- Estie, Okapuka Feelot and Tannery Manager, Meatco, Brakwater, Windhoek, Namibia
Tanya, Supervisor, LGB Distributors, Johannesburg, South Africa
Devan Odayan, Designer, Dick Whittington Shoes, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

Directory entries updated last week

KRB Safety & Packaging cc, Midrand, Gauteng, SA.

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

Birthdays this week

- 15/05/1941: Pieter van Niekerk, retired, formerly Midland Leather KZN (Gringo), Port Shepstone, KZN, SA.
17/05/2002: Johan Wilken (b. 1/11/1925), Klein Karoo International, Outshoorn, W. Cape, SA.
17/05/2021: Glen Niekirk, (b. 19/05/1965), Gringo Leather, Port Shepstone, KZN, SA.

In memoriam this week

15/05/2010: Louis Conradie (b. 26/06/1935), Conlo Jonlyery, Welkom, Free State, SA.
17/05/2002: Johan Wilken (b. 1/11/1925), Klein Karoo International, Outshoorn, W. Cape, SA.
17/05/2021: Glen Niekirk, (b. 19/05/1965), Gringo Leather, Port Shepstone, 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 Memorial section. Help us remember former colleagues.

Trade Fairs Seminars Conferences Range Launches. Do you have an event you want listed in the calendar? Email tony@svmag.co.za

Calendar for MAY 2023 with dates 1-31 and days of the week (SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT).

S&V THE ABRIDGED OPEN-TO-VIEW ONLINE DIRECTORY. Over 4500 entries, divided into: Leather, Components & Services, Footwear & Leather Goods, Commission Agents, Retailers, Associations & Support Organisations.

Exchange rates

Note: For previous rates, see HERE

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

Table of exchange rates for SA Rand (ZAR) against Euro, GBP, US\$, and CNY for dates from 18/03/2023 to 13/05/2023.

2. Botswana Pula (BWP)

Table of exchange rates for Botswana Pula (BWP) against Euro, GBP, US\$, and CNY for dates from 15/04/2023 to 13/05/2023.

3. Malawian Kwacha (MWK)

Table of exchange rates for Malawian Kwacha (MWK) against Euro, GBP, US\$, and CNY for dates from 15/04/2023 to 13/05/2023.

4. Zambian Kwacha (ZMW)

Table of exchange rates for Zambian Kwacha (ZMW) against Euro, GBP, US\$, and CNY for dates from 15/04/2023 to 13/05/2023.

5. Zimbabwean Dollar (ZWL\$)

Table of exchange rates for Zimbabwean Dollar (ZWL\$) against Euro, GBP, CNY, and Official US\$ for dates from 15/04/2023 to 13/05/2023.

Note: For previous rates, see HERE

ABSA Agri Trends: Hides & skins prices

Johannesburg, Gauteng, SA (12 May 2023) - The current average hide price increased by 8,8% to R3,67/kg from R3,37/kg a week ago. The current price is 8,2% higher than the average price a month ago and 11,9% lower than the average price a year ago.

Note: For previous prices, see HERE

Have a look at these links

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