

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

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Capacity building

RPMASA awareness raising and capacity building activities in South Africa in partnership with UNITAR

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1. This document provides an update on activities related to awareness raising and capacity building from January – June 2015.

Awareness raising

2. RPMASA GHS awareness posters have proved popular, thus new ones have been added to the series and are available via the website.

Capacity building training courses

3. RPMASA conducted the following GHS courses during the last 6 months in partnership with UNITAR:

- (a) 1 Public x 1 day Introduction courses in Durban
- 2 public x 1 day Introduction courses in Gauteng
- 2 in-house + 1 public GHS x1 day Introduction courses in Cape Town
- (b) 1 Public x 2 day Advanced GHS course in Gauteng

Further courses are scheduled for September in Durban and Gauteng

4. RPMASA GHS Expert database - RPMASA has received limited response to its open invitation to apply, showing a serious lack of people with GHS knowledge and experience in our region. We continue to invite applications as there is an urgent need to build expertise in order to assist industry on its GHS journey to compliant SDS, and Labelling.

5. RPMASA is grateful to UNITAR for its support and assistance in our Region.

6. RPMASA will continue to inform the Sub-Committee on planned activities.