

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 in our region from January – December 2015

Awareness raising

2. RPMASA GHS awareness posters particular those illustrating a comparison between the Transport symbols, the old orange symbols and the new GHS symbols have proved very popular, and are available via the website. RPMASA

RPMASA has also developed T shirts and mouse pads with GHS Symbols to assist companies raise awareness among relevant people.

Capacity building training courses

3. RPMASA conducted the following GHS courses during 2015 in partnership with UNITAR:

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

4. RPMASA GHS Expert database - RPMASA continues with its open invitation to apply as there is an urgent need for more GHS Experts in our region to assist 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.