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YEAR-END MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



As we come to the end of 2009 and reflect on the challenges and successes of the past 12 months, I have to most sincerely thank my fellow board members, the secretariat, working group convenors and all working group members for the achievements during that time, and for the support during my second year as Chairman of the PIEASA Board.

Not only have we delivered on our first "TIS-Africa" training DVD project in partnership with IERE, but we successfully continued to organise training courses and workshops, including the electrification workshop hosted in Maseru: thank you to the management of LEC for hosting the event. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the "Electrification Africa" forum in Mombasa; thank you to the KPLC

management and organising team for a memorable event.

Thank you to the secretariat for the efficient running of the events they have so capably organised, and in particular to our COO, Paul van Niekerk, well done on increasing our utility membership from 8 members to 10 members during the year!

I trust 2010 will be just as fruitful.

As many of you are looking forward to Christmas or year-end celebrations, family get-togethers or well earned vacations, I trust that you will be blessed with quality time with those you love and cherish. I look forward to the occasions when we can meet again, and so whatever you plan for the year end; be safe, drive carefully, and may you be blessed.

Paul Johnson
Chairman of the Board of PIEASA

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2010 PIEASA PROVISIONAL CALENDAR

Here are some of the exciting events planned for 2010:

Event	Date	Venue
PIESA Board meeting	22 February 2010	PIESA head office, Randburg
1st set of Working Group meetings Standardisation WG Environmental WG	22 February 2010	Durban ICC
Spintelligent Africa Utility Week	22-26 February 2010	Durban ICC
SWER Implementation Training	April 2010	Zimbabwe (venue to be announced)
2nd set of Working Group meetings Electrification WG Non Technical Loss Reduction WG		Zimbabwe (venue to be announced)
Prepayment Metering Training	May 2010	South Africa (Landis+Gyr)
Spintelligent Power Industry Forum	May 2010	Angola
SWER Implementation Training continued	August 2010	Zimbabwe (venue to be announced)
Prepayment Metering Training continued	September 2010	South Africa (Landis+Gyr)
PIESA AGM, Board meeting and all Working Groups to meet simultaneously	14 September 2010	Venue to be announced

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UPCOMING EVENTS

If you would like to let our readers know about your upcoming meetings or events, please e-mail Dion Abrahams (PIESA Secretariat) at dion@vdw.co.za with all the relevant details.

Please allow for sufficient time for the forthcoming event to be posted on the website.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the December edition of the PIESA Bulletin! This will be our last newsletter for the year. We hope that you enjoyed the read and we look forward to bringing you more great PIESA news next year.

As this bulletin carries the objective of keeping its readers up-to-date with the latest industry developments, we welcome and encourage you to send your thoughts, editorial contributions and comments.

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