IPPC DISPUTE SETTLEMENT (DS) UPDATE

1. The *IPPC Dispute Avoidance and Settlement system* is having a very active 2014 after a number of years with little work.

Subsidiary Body on Dispute Settlement (SBDS)

1. The SBDS met during the second week of July 2014 with the primary objective of establishing a work programme to eloborate all current Dispute Settlement processes and documents to areflect the CPM decisions on the review of the IPPC DS system.
2. There will be far greater emphais on dispute avoidance, including in the title of the DS system. In this process it needs to be clear to contracting parties what the options are and what they specifically need to do to activate a specific component of the system.
3. There has been some discussion about de-activating the SBDS due to little activity over the past 5 years. However, the current workload in 2014 cannot be managed by another group and hence to keep SBDS for the foreseeable future.

Establishment of an IPPC Dispute Settlement Expert Committee

1. The IPPC DS Expert Committee is in the process of being establishment to deal withthe dispute between South Africa and the EU.
2. A call for expert was made in October 2014 and hopefully the compisition of this committee will be final by the end of 2014.
3. Now that the first call for experts has been made, it will become necessary to manage the IPPC DS expert roster.
4. Oversight of this process is being provided by the SBDS as per CPM DS Procedures.

Revision of IPPC Dispute Settlement System Documentation

1. The review of all documentation includes a re-write of the advocacy document and DS manual and this will also involve producing new practical documentation and diagrams for ease of understanding. This is a lot of work and will probably only be finalized towards the middle of 2015.
2. The SBDS members will then undertake a review current website and material available.
3. The intention is too also develop on-line training material but this will not be until 2015.