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Dear Prospective Member

Introduction to The International Association of Auto Theft Investigator's (IAATI) Southern African Branch

The International Association of Auto Theft Investigator's (IAATI) Southern African Branch would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join our Association.

Overview

The International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI) was formed in 1952 in the USA, in order to improve communication and coordination, among the growing family of professional auto theft investigators. It has now become recognized as the peak industry body with members in over 35 countries.

IAATI recognizes that just as law enforcement agencies cannot successfully function independent of one another, auto theft investigation requires active collaboration with the private sector. As such our members include representatives of law enforcement agencies, the vehicle tracking industry, insurance industry, banking institutions, vehicle manufacturers, security experts, forensic specialists, government registration and vehicle inspectors, policy advisers, and others with a legitimate interest in combating vehicle related crime.

Our members are involved in all aspects of legal vehicle related crime prevention and detection, the investigation and prosecution thereof, as well as awareness and education programs for all stake holders.

Our Vision

To be the recognized global leader in vehicle crime prevention, as well as a leading provider of vehicle theft related investigation expertise and training.

Our Mission

To provide a global approach to vehicle theft deterrence, investigation, recovery and kindred crimes.

Our Values

Integrity – We always do what is right.

Commitment – We do what we say we are going to do.

Professionalism – We encourage high professional standards for our members and affiliates.



Collaboration – We work together for the greater good of the organization, sharing our collective knowledge, exchanging technical information and new developments related to auto theft and encouraging networking among our members and chapters to keep everyone informed.

IAATI offers the following benefits to its members:

- An annual international training seminar which is conducted in the USA every second year and one outside the USA every second year. These seminars offer vehicle crime related training with an international emphasis.
- An annual 3-day SAB training seminar, which we use to cater for the vehicle crime investigation training needs of SAPS and the private sector.
- Frequent international or local (SAB) training sessions on vehicle crime investigation or on matters relating to vehicle identification.
- The circulation of IAATI's quarterly magazine to all its members, referred to as the APB (at an additional cost of \$30 per year for a hard copy).
- Bi-monthly international e-news journal.

The contact details of all international members of IAATI are made available to each member of the SAB for networking/assistance & communication purposes. Information on vehicle crime trends and vehicle identification is very often shared among investigators both locally and internationally, who are members of IAATI.

IAATI can also be found on the Internet. The home page is located at **iaati.org** and **iaatisab.co.za** which contains the latest seminar and training information as well as direct mail links to board members. Members also use our **Face Book page** (closed group) for instant communication locally.

IAATI SAB: (History)

The Southern African Branch (SAB) of IAATI was established in 1990 and our Charter was granted on 22 Aug 1991 by the International Board, which is seated in the USA for administration purposes.

The SAB's membership was however suspended in 1996 as a result of the (temporary) phasing out of the vehicle crime investigation environment, during the transitional phase of the country's history.

Our Charter was reinstated on 6 Aug 2008 during the Annual Training Seminar which was held in Sydney Australia. On this date the SAB was 35 members strong in SA. Today we have more than 350 members in 6 countries i.e., The RSA, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Botswana and Tanzania.

With our Southern African membership, we have also gained exposure to INTERPOL and the Southern African Police Chiefs Co- Operation Organization (SARPCCO), which can assist in our future endeavors.

The new SAB's first 1-day training Seminar & AGM was presented on 16 Oct 2009 12 March 2009, at Toyota SA head office in Johannesburg.

To date, a further Eight, very successful annual seminars have been presented at the **Weesgerus**, SA Police Resort & Conference Centre, Modimolle in the Limpopo Province.



This venue has proven to be the most cost effective and well suited to the specific needs of our members.

At the 2012 seminar, the SAB announced that the winner of the Annual IAATI SAB Investigators Award (one of three annual awards) would be sent on a fully sponsored trip to the yearly international seminar.

The SA Branch recently hosted the 2017, 65th Annual International Training Seminar in Cape Town, which was the first international to be held on the African Continent!

This very successful five-day seminar was attended by 323 delegates from 23 countries ranging from North, South and Central America, to the length and breadth of Europe and the UK, as well as Australasia and Southern African delegates.

The IAATI SAB is also actively involved with training in the SADC and active on various forums involving the prevention, combating and investigation of vehicle related crime. One such forum is the National Vehicle Crime Forum, which is attended by various private sector stakeholders like the Insurance and Banking Industry and various others.

In line with the International Standard Operating Procedure, the SAB was registered as a ***Not for Profit Company*** in 2012 (Comp Reg. No 2012/178848/08). The SAB is also a registered ***Public Benefit Organisation*** (PBO Number: 930 053 948) which means it can issue tax certifications for donations which is fully tax deductible.

Furthermore, it needs to be mentioned that all the board members and members alike, serve the IAATI on a voluntary basis and receive no remuneration for their services. All work is conducted for the good of the country, its citizens and the suppression of crime as a whole.

We look forward to your participation and future support in our current and future IAATI initiatives and projects to combat vehicle crime, which affects us all in our daily lives.

Membership fees amount to R550 ZAR and renewal fees of R450 per year, January to December.

Law Enforcement membership is R250 for both new members and yearly renewals.

The membership application form is attached for your convenience.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Mollo', is positioned above the typed name of the president.

**PRESIDENT: IAATI SAB
MOTSAMAI MOLLO**