

SPEECH FOR RONNIE NAPIER

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Thank you Vivienne, and good morning.

The South African Insurance Association is and has been involved in numerous crime fighting initiatives within and beyond the short term industry for many years. We have committed our resources and energies to the fight against fraud and crime and it is therefore no surprise that the South African Insurance Crime Bureau evolved from one of the SAIA internal committees set up to address fraud in the industry.

We are proud and excited about the first year of the SAICB and the strides they have made in bringing the industry together in this fight, and the successes they have already achieved. I am also particularly proud of the SAIA and SAICB member companies for the commitment they have shown in making this initiative a success, and for their willingness to embrace the concept of sharing their information to achieve the desired outcomes. The SAICB is testimony to the fact that the short term industry will do whatever it takes and is committed to the fight against crime and fraud and that we will be successful.

The SAIA is in the unique position of being able to holistically see all the factors that affect the industry, with regards to crime and fraud, and the affect this has on companies, our clients and the country as a whole. It is for this reason that we have made a concerted effort to get involved in all the relevant areas addressing these issues. The SAIA crime fighting initiatives span helping the South African Police Service with the training of their detectives, so that the level of investigation is improved, to the funding of the Dräger testing stations – two have been opened to date with a third to be opened in Soweto later this year - to help address the pandemic of driving under the influence of alcohol that affects our country, to the close relationship we have with Business Against Crime SA and the donation of millions of Rands to their crime fighting initiatives as an industry.

The SAIA members have committed to address the broader scope of the crime problem through the aforementioned initiatives and others, while the SAICB was formed to address the specific fraud and crime issues that affect the short term industry. And to this effect we are today proud to say that they are already making a positive difference, not only by saving the industry money and by helping to remove the criminal elements that work against the industry, but also by bringing the industry closer together because of the close working relationships that had to be formed to address the vast problems we have to face.

It is only when we can bring all our vast resources together, encourage the involvement of dedicated and committed people and forge the necessary relationships with all the relevant role players that we can hope to make a difference in the crime and fraud problems affecting our industry and country. The SAICB is well on its way in this task, and with the further support of the industry we will get there.