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**TO: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DISTRICT CO-ORDINATORS FOR SMALL-BOWLS PROJECT
DISTRICT SECRETARIES
DISTRICT PRESIDENTS
CLUB PRESIDENTS OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS**

**CC: STUTTAFORD VAN LINES
PAKTOOL ENGINEERING**

**DISTRICT SECRETARIES ARE REQUESTED TO CIRCULATE THIS TO
THEIR RESPECTIVE CLUBS.**

CIRCULAR 19/2018

REF: Progress & Status of the Stuttaford Van Lines Small-Bowls Project

Proof-of-Concept has now become a reality. It is with great excitement that NSCC can announce that the first sets of re-machined bowls are being returned to their districts. Through many trials and tribulations, Trevor Davis and Laurence Perkin of Paktool Engineering have soldiered bravely on to make sure that this project would be successful in coming to the aid of clubs, schools and coaches all over the country.

As indicated in Circular 06/2018, the first ± 200 sets have started being distributed to fulfil $\pm 25\%$ of Districts' orders. Some of those Districts whose collection point is Paktool itself, have either collected their sets or will be doing so shortly. Other Districts need to wait for Stuttaford Van Lines to be able to fit them into deliveries travelling to their nearest Depot. As soon as the remaining sets have been finished, labelled and ready for collection by Stuttaford Van Lines or the local District, the District Co-ordinators for this project will be informed.



Despite a month-long labour dispute hampering the entire sector, Paktool are working tirelessly to service this project, even hiring additional staff in order to get through. This photograph was taken on Thursday 26 April at 12:10, showing an additional employee working on our project.

Please note that Paktool cannot put an estimated time of completion on their contribution to this project. Paktool & Stuttford Van Lines are partners in this project as part of their social responsibilities – helping make Bowls in South Africa #1Sport4Life for all citizens, regardless of race or gender. If Bowls SA was one of their

'clients-for-profit', the cost of each set of bowls would probably be FIVE times what it is now and, due to increasing labour and machine costs, will undoubtedly be increasing in the near future.

As per Circular 06/2018, and District (note Clubs must please work through their District Project Co-ordinators) may withdraw from this project and have their invoice and payment refunded. The implications of withdrawal at this point are that should the District require sets in the future, they will need to pay whatever the increased price is at the time of order. The benefits of remaining in the project are that Districts (& Clubs) will receive their original order, at the very low price they have paid, in due course. As one co-ordinator indicated, the large size bowls – 6s & 7s – cannot comfortably be used by Business league or School players and are quite useless for Club Coaches to use for new players. Therefore their absence from Club stock should not be a major hardship at this point.

In Circular 06/2018, one of the problems indicated was with a certain type of black bowls – still unknown which type or types. There are also other problems with cracked bowls in sets, etc. In order to service current orders **NSCC request that District Co-ordinators collect as many unused COMPLETE (4 bowls of the same set), BROWN sets (not cracked, Dunlop or Taylor Lignoid) that Clubs may be willing to donate to the project, to make up the deficit of bowls that had to be destroyed due to Clubs / Districts not conforming to the requirements of the Bowls to be sent for re-sizing.** The collection should be packed in provided boxes at the closest Stuttford Van Lines depot for transportation to Paktool. The same requirement as originally specified in the Project Protocol.

We thank Trevor Davis, Laurence Perkin of Paktool and Rocco Olivier of Stuttford Van Lines for sticking to the project and working through some very stressful times in order to achieve the break-through.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ravenscroft'.

**JOHN RAVENSCROFT
OPERATIONS MANAGER**