

TRANSFORMATION NEWSLETTER – November 2012

Citrus Growers Development Chamber Exec (CGDC) Quarterly Meeting

The Chamber held its quarterly meeting in JHB in November to discuss planned and implemented issues affecting emerging growers within the citrus industry. This meeting differed from other meetings as the executive of the chamber presented the master plan that will guide their action programme for the coming year. The chamber members welcomed and endorsed the plan. A critical issue that was discussed was the best strategy of engagement with the government departments in ensuring that all necessary support aiming at developing our growers is received on time and channeled to the relevant growers in need.

Chamber and National Department Rural Development and Land Reform meeting around Recap :

The Chamber's executive met up with the head of the Department of Rural Development to discuss the best model to be used to implement recap for citrus projects. The department welcomed the initiative by the Chamber on this matter as they wish to ensure that the programme is implemented successfully and all the commodities are included.

The meeting was successful, resulting in an agreement that the department will draft an MoU for engagement between CGA and the Department to work together in implementing this programme. The CGA transformation desk was requested to develop the best model to be used that will suit the citrus projects in line with recap programme. CGA requested that they be included in policy amendment meetings so to advise the department in terms of implementing its programme.

Timelines were set and there will be a follow up meeting with the Department on the matter and on the way forward. All growers will be notified of the decision that will be taken and advised of the new process to access the programme if any.

The list of the citrus farms that benefitted from the Recap Programme to date:

- Luthando citrus farm -EC
- Three Pence citrus farm –EC
- White Citrus farm –EC
- Ripplemead citrus farm- EC
- Liddel citrus farm –EC
- Gonzana citrus farm –EC
- Greenwood citrus farm- EC
- Oakdene citrus farm-EC
- Jordan citrus farm –EC
- Inthathakuza citrus farm- KZN
- Thulwani citrus farm- KZN
- Gillimberg citrus farm –Limpopo
- Champagne citrus farm Mpumalanga

- RYTON Estate citrus farm- Mpumalanga
- Sibonelo citrus farm- Mpumalanga

CGA-DAFF AgriBEE Fund

The transformation desk of CGA represented CGA at a DAFF AgriBEE meeting that took place in Pretoria. The purpose of the meeting was for industries to assist DAFF by advising on the best model that can be used in order to be able to implement the AgriBEE programme. The different commodities that were invited requested that DAFF select a committee that will develop the best model. CGA will form part of that committee.

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