

GRAPEFRUIT FOCUS GROUP

DRAFT MINUTES OF TELECONFERENCE OF THE GRAPEFRUIT FOCUS GROUP HELD AT 12:00 ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2015

PRESENT: Piet Smit (Chairman – Letsitele)
Liza for Jannie Spangenberg (Oranje Rivier)
Michael Wafer (Nkwalini)
Paul Bristow (Zimbabwe)
John Edmonds (CGA - secretariat)

APOLOGIES:

Hoppie Nel (observer)
Marinus Neethling (Onderberg)
Stuart Geldenhuys (Swaziland)
Danie Erasmus (Limpopo River)
Kobus van Staden (Vice Chairman - Hoedspruit)
Antoine Rouillard (Pongola)
Hannes de Waal (Sundays River)

1. Welcome

Chairman, Piet Smit welcomed all to the meeting. He suggested that the meeting go ahead in spite of the small number of participants as it was important to update the projections at this time.

2. Apologies

See above.

3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 22 April 2015.

This item was not addressed.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Projections for 2015 (see annex A)

Updated projections were received from the participants and John Edmonds contacted the remaining representatives for the balance.

The latest projection was revised down six percent from the CMF estimate and now stands at a total of 12.7 million actual cartons (14.4 million 15kg equivalent) cartons for the Southern African region. This total is made up of 11.4 million cartons of pigmented grapefruit and 1.3 million cartons of Marsh.

Hoedspruit dropped their projection nine percent to 2.9 million cartons pigmented fruit and 430 000 cartons of Marsh. **Letsitele** dropped 12 % on red and left Marsh unchanged.

Onderberg also dropped 2% on their pigmented fruit citing wind damage. **Oranje Rivier** are on course to make their estimate whilst **Zimbabwe** have finished their season on estimate (140 000 cartons). **Swaziland** increased their estimate 8% to 254 000 cartons.

6. Markets

Piet Smit noted that the markets are not reporting any negative feedback although there is some jitteriness about small sizes.

7. Japan Coordination:

Piet Smit said that the third vessel is almost filled but the fourth has been delayed due to insufficient cargo.

8. General

No additional items were raised.

9. Meeting dates for 2015

The next date will be circulated in due course.



Annex 1. Grapefruit Estimate for 2015 (Actual Cartons)

Red grapefruit			Proj_2
CGA Region	2014	Estimate 2015	13-May
Onderberg	2 034 438	2 100 000	2 050 000
Letsitele	3 749 602	3 770 000	3 317 600
Hoedspruit	2 890 780	3 200 000	2 900 000
Nkwalini	479 667	500 000	500 000
Limpopo River	1 066 038	830 000	830 000
Pongola	159 629	140 000	140 000
S.R. Valley	366 741	350 000	350 000
Oranje Rivier	603 790	533 000	541 095
Nelspruit	73 801		
Patensie	153 861	150 000	150 000
Senwes	47 041		
W. Cape	46 555		
S-KZN			
Boland	4 414		
Other	3 919	200 000	200 000
Total South Africa	11 680 276	11 773 000	10 978 695
Swaziland	425 000	236 000	254 000
Zimbabwe	141 000	140 000	140 000
Grand Total	12 246 276	12 149 000	11 372 695
White grapefruit			Proj_2
CGA Region	2014	Estimate 2015	13-May
Onderberg	589 060	578 000	578 000
Nkwalini	162 035	150 000	150 000
Hoedspruit	409 770	450 000	430 000
Letsitele	107 970	96 000	96 000
Pongola	32 025	15 000	15 000
Limpopo River	30 640	10 000	10 000
Oranje Rivier	-		
Nelspruit	6 980		
S.R. Valley	3 185	3 000	3 000
S-KZN			
Senwes	-		
Other	1 320	8 000	8 000
Grand Total(S.A.)	1 342 985	1 310 000	1 290 000
Swaziland	55 000		
Zimbabwe		-	
Grand Total	1 397 985	1 310 000	1 290 000

Total grapefruit			Proj_2
CGA Region	2014	Estimate 2015	13-May
Onderberg	2 623 498	2 678 000	2 628 000
Letsitele	3 857 572	3 866 000	3 413 600
Hoedspruit	3 300 550	3 650 000	3 330 000
Nkwalini	641 702	650 000	650 000
Limpopo River	1 096 678	840 000	840 000
Pongola	191 654	155 000	155 000
S.R. Valley	369 926	353 000	353 000
Oranje Rivier	603 790	533 000	541 095
Nelspruit	80 781		-
Patensie	153 861	150 000	150 000
Senwes	47 041		-
W. Cape	46 555		
S-KZN			
Other	9 653	208 000	208 000
Grand Total(S.A.)	13 023 261	13 083 000	12 268 695
Swaziland*	480 000	236 000	254 000
Zimbabwe	141 000	140 000	140 000
Grand Total	13 644 261	13 459 000	12 662 695

