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Tiger Brands procures 100% of orange requirement locally

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Fast-moving consumer goods producer Tiger Brands has successfully secured 100% of the oranges required to

produce its iconic Oros beverage products from South African growers for a second consecutive citrus season.

The development marks a notable turnaround from previous years, when the company was required to supplement local supply with imported oranges owing to challenges affecting domestic citrus production.

Notably, global citrus supply shortages, which have been driven by factors such as citrus greening disease in major producing

countries such as Brazil, have increased international demand for South African citrus.

This strengthened export parity pricing, reducing local availability and driving up costs. While South Africa is one of the world's leading citrus exporters, local producers often benefit from attractive returns in international markets.

"South African citrus is in high demand in a globally competitive market, making reliable local supply increasingly important. By sourcing 100% of our orange requirements from South African growers, we are reinforcing our commitment to local procurement, providing farmers with stable domestic demand, and strengthening South Africa's agricultural value chain while reducing reliance on imports," says Tiger Brands snacks, treats and beverages MD **Shamiel Randeree**.

Tiger Brands, the largest user of orange concentrate in South Africa, procures about 45 000 t of oranges – equivalent to 275–million oranges – every year to produce about 3.5–million litres of orange concentrate used in Oros. This equates to 1.75–million two–litre bottles of the country's leading dilutable beverage brand.

During previous seasons, when local citrus supply was constrained, Tiger Brands sourced about 65% of its citrus requirements locally, with the remaining 35% procured from international markets.

Oranges, of which Tiger Brands uses Valencia and Navel varieties in the production of Oros, are sourced from leading South African citrus producers across Mpumalanga, Limpopo and the Western Cape. Harvested during the May to July citrus season, the fruit is processed into concentrate and supplied to Tiger Brands' beverage manufacturing facility in Roodekop, Gauteng, where between 75

000 and 100 000 litres are delivered each week to produce Oros – about 400 000 litres a month.

The company's ability to secure its full orange requirement locally over the past two seasons has been underpinned by its role as a reliable, long-term buyer, providing producers with a stable domestic market and predictable demand.

According to Tiger Brands, securing 100% local supply reflects the strength of its long-standing partnerships with local producers and its commitment to supporting South African agriculture.

This sustained support has enabled citrus producers to invest in their operations, improve efficiency and create employment opportunities within farming communities.

Among the benefits reported by suppliers are investments in water infrastructure, solar energy projects and initiatives aimed at improving resource efficiency through reduced water and energy consumption.

"Partnerships between food producers and agricultural producers are critical to ensuring the sustainability of South Africa's food system. By providing a dependable local market for citrus growers, we contribute not only to the success of our suppliers but also to the economic wellbeing of the communities in which they operate," Randeree says.

The local sourcing achievement also supports Tiger Brands' broader ambition to increase local procurement and strengthen domestic supply chains while delivering quality products to consumers.

"For generations, Oros has remained a trusted household favourite, known for bringing families together around moments

of refreshment. The continued local sourcing of its key ingredient reinforces the brand's connection to South African consumers and the communities that help produce it," Randeree concludes. 🇿🇦

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