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FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (30/15)

Justin Chadwick (7 August 2015)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK “Realism has nothing more to do with reality than anything else” Hob Broun

NOTICE OF CITRUS GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Citrus Growers Association of Southern Africa will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel, ORT, Johannesburg on Thursday 27th August 2015 at 15h30.

Please RSVP to Gloria on 031-7652514 or gloria@cga.co.za by Monday 24th August if you wish to attend.

The agenda for the AGM is as follows:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous AGM
4. Any matters arising from the previous AGM
5. Chairman's report for the year April 2014 to March 2015
6. Change to Constitution: Withdrawal of Pongola region due to reduction of numbers of citrus growers (proposed by R A Rouillard)
7. Confirmation of the Board as listed.
8. Confirmation of the Audit Committee members.
9. Adoption of the financial statements for the period April 2014 to March 2015
10. Appointment of auditors
11. Level of remuneration of auditors
12. Approval of financial assistance to related group companies
13. Any other business

The Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2015 are available on the password protected section of the CGA website (www.cga.co.za). Alternatively please contact the CGA offices on 031-765 2514 or info@cga.co.za if you would like a hard copy posted to you.

JULY EUROPHYT – RECORD OF INTERCEPTIONS FOR HARMFUL ORGANISMS IN THE EU

The June EUROPHYT reported on two South African interceptions for CBS, and one from Argentina. The July EUROPHYT reports an additional four CBS interceptions from Argentina (total 2015 now 5), and an additional two from South Africa (2015 total now 4). Bangladesh, Swaziland and Uruguay also had one CBS interception each in July.

PACKED AND SHIPPED (ALL CARTONS ADJUSTED TO REFLECT 15Kg EQUIVALENTS)

GRAPEFRUIT FOCUS: As the curtain comes down on a successful South African grapefruit campaign the Grapefruit Focus Group will need to sharpen their pencils once more – packed to date figures plus the later maturing areas puts the final tally of packed grapefruit closer to the original 15.3 million carton estimate. The largest grapefruit growing region of Letsitele will end on 4.6 million cartons – up on both the 2014 and predicted level of 4.4 million. Their neighbors in Hoedspruit will also end higher than 2014 (3.7 million) and the original estimate (4.1 million) – the latest prediction looks like 4.2 million. Onderberg should finish on 3.2 million (slightly up on 2014 (2.9 million) and the predicted 3.1 million). Limpopo River should end up on their predicted 0.9 million (2014 1.2 million). Nkwalini has flat lined with the 2014 volumes, estimate and prediction all at 0.7 million. Oranje Rivier will be at the same level (0.7 million) – same as 2014 but slightly up from the estimated 0.6 million.

With just over a million cartons to be shipped, and assuming similar distribution over the last few weeks of grapefruit shipments, the global distribution is very similar to 2014. Japan and Northern Europe account for 50% of export volumes – in 2015 Japanese volumes eased slightly (from 3.4 to 3.2 million cartons), while an empty early market resulted in Northern European volumes increasing from 4 to 4.3 million cartons. Chinese volumes increased from 1 million in 2014 to 1.5 million in 2015 – 10% of total volume shipped. Russia, Far East and Southern Europe all received approximately the same as 2014's 1.2 million cartons; while the Middle East and North America imported 0.6 million each (also similar to 2014).

During the past week the Lemon and Soft Citrus Focus Groups met and adjusted their predicted volumes upwards; the grapefruit prediction was also adjusted upwards taking into account actual packed to date.

To end Week 31 Million 15 Kg Cartons	Packed	Packed	Packed	Shipped	Shipped	Original Estimate	Latest Prediction	Final Packed
SOURCE: PPECB	2013	2014	2015	2014	2015	2015	2015	2014
Grapefruit	17 m	14.7 m	15.2 m	13.6 m	14.4 m	15.3 m	15.2 m	15.6 m
Soft Citrus	6.8 m	8.3 m	8.1 m	7.5 m	7.4 m	10 m	9.7 m	10 m
Lemons	9.5 m	12.5 m	13.1 m	11.6 m	12.3 m	13.6 m	14.3 m	13.2 m
Navels	23.2 m	22.4 m	21.6 m	20 m	20.1 m	25.1 m	23 m	26 m
Valencia	18.5 m	18.5 m	19 m	11.2 m	11.3 m	49.1 m	49.1 m	50.9 m
Total	75 m	76.4 m	77 m	63.9 m	65.5 m	113.1 m	111.3 m	115.7 m

SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS GROWERS HAVE INVESTED IN THEIR FUTURE THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONTINUED FUNDING OF CGA, XSIT, CRI, RIVER BIOSCIENCE, CGACC AND CITRUS ACADEMY