FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (15/17)

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"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." — Nelson Mandela

RUSSIAN WEEKLY REPORT

On a weekly basis CGA distributes a weekly report from our representative in Moscow (Mikhail Fateev). This report is distributed widely amongst CGA and FPEF members. Should any CGA or FPEF member wish to be added to the distribution list please mail justchad@iafrica.com

RIVER BIOSCIENCE AND XSIT

Since CGA (through River Bioscience (RB)) is now a 100% shareholder of XSIT there has been rationalisation of these two companies into a single entity. The joint RB/XSIT Board has appointed a CEO of the joint company – I would like to welcome Rob Elfick on board. Rob is a B.Com (Hons) (UPE); CA (SA) and MBL (Unisa) graduate, he will work from the offices in PE starting from 1 June 2017.

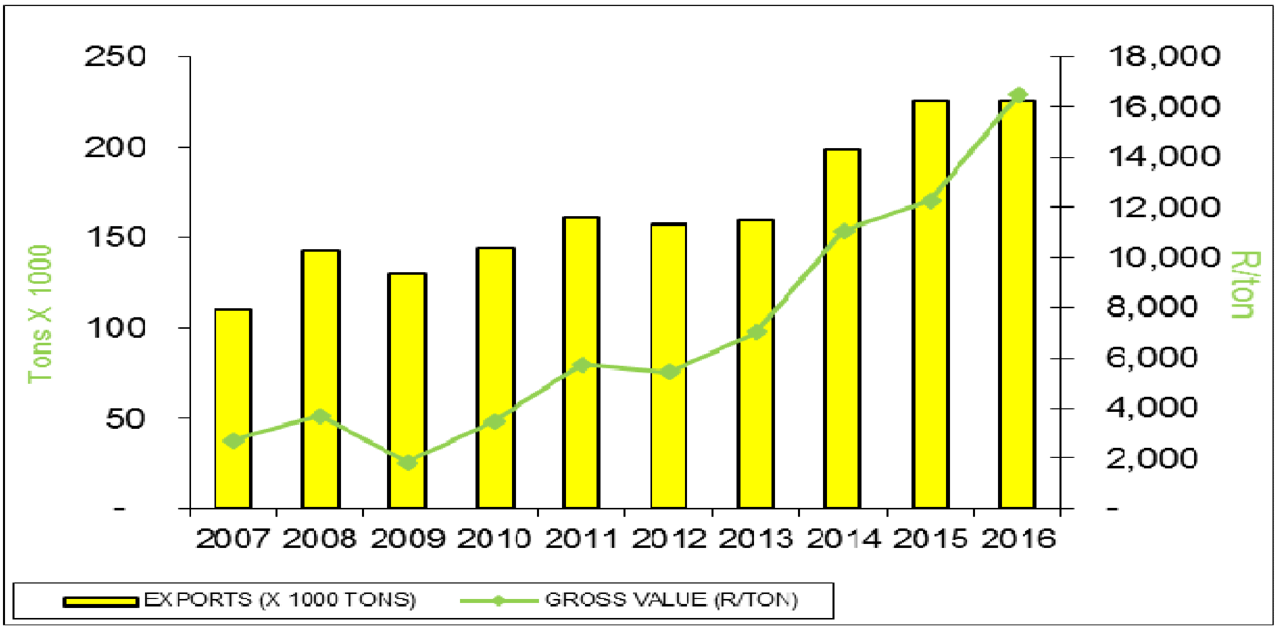
TWITTER

I now have 500 Twitter followers – with Redfox Executive the 500th follower of justchad_cga . This is fitting given Max McGillivray's recent visit to the CGA offices on his epic trip on triumph motorcycles from London to Cape Town. Max works at Redfox.

If you want to get the latest news from the southern African citrus industry please follow me; goal is 1000 followers by end 2017.

CGA STATISTICS BOOK

John Edmonds (CGA Information Manager) is putting the final touches together for the Annual CGA Statistics Book which should be sent to all CGA members by the end of next week. This book gives information on the citrus industry up to 2016. One interesting graph from the book is that of lemon export volumes and prices (below). This is every exporter's dream – increased export volumes coupled with increased export prices. Total lemon earnings from exports in 2016 was R3.715 billion, while local market sales earned R151 million and processed fruit earned R181 million. Total lemon earnings are therefore over R4 billion.



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