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“If you are going to achieve excellence in big things, you develop the habit in little matters. Excellence is not an exception, it is a prevailing attitude” Colin Powell

CITRUS LEGEND – MILAAN THALWITZER

This legend has been all around the country – born in Gauteng, schooled in Free State, University in Pretoria and farmed in Limpopo.

He is a born, visionary leader – as evidenced by his role in an array of citrus leadership positions. These include Chairing the Outspan Board for six years, Vice Chairman of Capespan, Founder member and Chairman of both Houers Kooperatief and Granor Passi. The latter two are highly effective in carton manufacturing and juice processing – ensuring that growers partake in both upstream and downstream elements of the value chain.

This legend always believed in a strong and structured citrus industry in South Africa. He played a role in structuring the industry during the regulated era, and has continued his support, passion and commitment towards citrus industry structures in the deregulated era.

Whatever role this legend plays – he gets stuck in. Whether this be in the citrus business, or in the community in which he lives. He served on various community boards such as the N&N Canal Board, Letsitele Papiersny and the governing board of High School Ben Vorster – where he served as Chairman. In 1965 this legend, his father and brother began farming on the banks of the Letaba river. He has grown this farming business, expanding the growing area and integrating into the commercial exporting of his own fruit – building a brand that is recognized around the globe for its high quality, reliable service and ethical trading. This legend expanded his enterprise from 100 hectares in 1965 – to 4 413 hectares today – exporting some 6.2 million cartons of citrus. The Legend also produces bananas, avocado, litchi, mango, blueberry, macadamia and sugar.

Intensely aware of the challenges that face farmers in South Africa, this legend has implemented land reform projects and has founded many initiatives aimed at assisting land reform in a structured and inclusive manner.

The Legends family business is run on healthy corporate principles ensuring disciplined governance and successful processes, with honesty and integrity. His communication and management skills has brought the best out of those who work with him.

This Legend has been bestowed with one of the highest accolades as National Farmer of the year in 2014 – as well as appearing on the TV program Mega Boer. This legend has a passion for Africa, and travelling through Africa – once travelling from Letsitele to Cairo. He loves his fishing and golf.

But most importantly this legend is a family man – a loving husband to Antoinette, a respected father and father in law, and a doting grandfather.

This Citrus Legend is Milaan Thalwitzer.

INDONESIA

In response to queries raised by CGA about shipping conditions to Indonesia, PPECB and CRI reviewed the PPECB guidelines for citrus shipments to Indonesia. The objective was to identify the shipping condition options, with the least risk of chilling injury, that remain compliant with the Indonesia import requirements. Changes were accordingly made to the PPECB guidelines applicable to citrus shipments to Indonesia and exporters are advised to contact PPECB for more information. It is anticipated that these adjustments will be valuable in reducing the incidence of chilling injury and generally improving fruit quality of citrus exports to Indonesia.”

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