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Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

Note from the MD

Thanks 2018 for all the Lessons.

Thanks 2018 for all the Blessings.

The challenge to us all is to work hard to make even more magic off of this base with 2019.

X-SIT continues to out perform any previous season and this puts us in the strongest position ever to plan for the future.

River Bioscience is also pushing the limits with RB1 finding good traction in the Market in it's first full season and Cryptogran showing volumes that could well equal last seasons record.

The 2nd application of SPLAT is almost complete and the feedback from the market continues to celebrate the effectiveness of this product.

A big effort in these last few busy months of the current season can confirm this as another record season. Cheers Rob

An alternative diet reduces risk

The food that the larvae eat, from the time they hatch from eggs to when they leave the bag to find a place to pupate, is called the diet. The Xsit team was recently challenged in developing an alternative diet to feed our larvae.

One of the 12 components of the previously used diet could not be successfully sourced at the time and our Research and Development team were put to the test in finding a solution. Nevill Boersma took the lead on this challenge and he had to commercialize a diet that was, until then, only proven under laboratory conditions.

Enabling this process was the fact that Xsit team at the Citrusdal site were already far down the line in implementing control measures to stabilize and measure progress at specific points and intervals in the process. This allows them to adjust input variables if initial targets are below the norm. It is with this structured approach from a dedicated team that we are proud to report that we now have an alternative diet and our larvae do not like it, they love it !!!



Healthy Larvae leave the rearing bags and absail down to the Pupation boards via silk threads. Having an alternative effective diet significantly reduces risk!!

RBX Group Birthdays in February :

Marshale Damon;
Burger Du Toit; Fezeka Dyakala; Jan Fransman; Christina Fransman;
Marieta Groenewald; Romilda Januarie; Danie Janse van Vuuren;
Garth Hektor; Danevico Pausse; Marnick Pedro; Chesnè Geldenhuys;
Ashley Pypers; Laticia Ruiters; Claudette James; Chariline Slinger;
Albertus Smit; Gilbert Titus; Michel Valentyn;
Reneldo Wentzel; Ruan Van Niekerk; Abraham Visagie