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Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

Note from the CEO

Four weeks into the new season and it is great to report that the release of moths by helicopter has shown great results and been well received. It is awesome to have another option when it comes to release methodology.

The main challenge this month has come from getting consistent results out of the diet made in the new extruder to feed the rearing process of the moths. Some very variable results were evident early on as we took this tested process into full production but now the operating protocols for a full production environment have been established and we look forward to a successful season with consistent and reliable moth production.

Cheers Rob

RB Process Automation

The invader machine has been produced by Lab-O-mat to automate the production of Invader-B-lok at the facility in Addo. The machine was designed and built to improve product quality as well as reduce employee risk of chemical exposure during production and packaging.

The facility in which the machine is housed is also serviced by an industrial air scrubber which extracts the methyl eugenol and formalin fumes from the manufacturing process and cleans the air by passing the contaminated air through activated carbon filters before putting the clean air back into the environment.

The machine has enabled RB to produce 12 000 blocks per day utilizing a minimal labour force.

It has also increased our options regarding the way the blocks are packaged and currently we are working in conjunction with Leapak to improve the barrier quality of the packaging which should ultimately improve the shelf life of the product. Better quality products manufactured in a safer environment is a win on many fronts.



Upcoming Events : 23-25 October 2017

12th Annual Biocontrol Industry Meeting ABIM - Basel, Switzerland

RBX Group Birthdays in October

Lilian Bezuidenhout, Felachia Bagan, Lukhanyiso Keswa,
Ryno Louw, Sinebhonge Made, Wimpie Meyer, Karel Olivier,
Leighton Snyers, Elizabeth Swart, Pieter van Tonder