

Bio-Blog

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Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

Note from the Managing Director



With March being the end of the financial year for the RBX group the results look good for another solid year of consolidation. This is only achievable with the sustained efforts from every one in our team and I thank all for your continued support.

Piet Smit has been one of the longest serving members of our board having been on the XSIT board since it was formed. Piet, from Citrusdal, has decided to retire from the board and we thank Piet for his many years of dedicated service.

Cheers - Rob

Driving the future of sustainable agriculture in South Africa

A key challenge in the long-term sustainability of our export producers in South Africa is ensuring that there are sufficient world-class products available in their Integrated Pest Management toolbox to meet market requirements of both food quality and food safety.

As we prepare ourselves to do our part in addressing various challenges our industry faces, River Bioscience is committed to finding solutions that deliver sustainable value to all our stakeholders. When looking at our current portfolio and area of expertise it would be very difficult for us to reach our potential impact on all types of sustainable crop protection products.

For River Bioscience to achieve our goals, we have been looking at partnerships with like-minded

companies that offer high-quality products which share the same values and philosophy as we do. Such a partner has been found and we are pleased to be working with Dudutech (based in Kenya) and Bioline Agrosciences (headquartered in France and grower-owned) to bring their portfolios to South Africa and leverage each other's expertise to increase the use of biological products in various parts of the world.

The collaboration kicks off with the exciting news of six new products registered for use in South Africa under Act 36 of 1947:

1. Beauvitech® – Insect-killing fungi that kills whiteflies
2. Mytech® – Antagonistic fungi that targets plant parasitic nematodes
3. Trichotech® – Antagonistic fungi that targets soil pathogens & improve root health
4. Amblytech® – Predatory mite that kills red spider mites & thrips
5. Amblytech® C – Predatory mite that kills thrips
6. Phytotech® – Predatory mite that kills red spider mite



Pieter Van Tonder has taken up the role as Specialty Crops Manager which is a dedicated position to ensure that this new portfolio is given the attention it deserves. He will also play a key role in the business development of this partnership and grow it into the future. His expertise and unique industry knowledge will help further extend these technologies to the farmers who could get the greatest benefit from them.

Together we are driving sustainable agriculture in South Africa.



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May Birthdays

Chanté Bekker, Thobani Bisa, Hillsenzo Coetzee, Enrico Ficks, Meugel Fransman, Nadia Gagiano, Mathew Goddard, Sachelo Kamfer, Christopher Kapel, Theunis Lombard, Keegan Mentoer, Andre Moolman, Mncedisi Ngquse, Eric Nohamba (Director), Patricia Prince, Albertus Ruiters, Dyhan Ruiters, Andre Schreuder (Director), Gerreny September, Muriël Skeepers, Anita Smit, Sean Thackeray, Petrus Willemse, Pamela Zamxaka

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