

Bio-Blog

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Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

Note from the Managing Director

As the RBX group is owned by the CGA we are often found trying to operate commercially and support the current and long-term needs of the citrus industry. These two endeavors are not always easy for one group to achieve at the same time, but this does not stop us from doing our best to find the optimal way forward in all cases. Support for the research and structures that help formulate the future of our industry is a big part of our commitment and Sean's hard work over the years has seen him being asked to lead SABO over the next few years. Thank you and **well done** Sean. We are all very proud of what you are doing and offer you full support as you take on this challenge.

CHEERS, ROB

Sean - New Chairperson of the SABO Board

It is with great pride that we announce the appointment of Sean Thackeray as the 2023/24 SABO Board Chairperson. Sean brings a wealth of experience to the table not only as an active member of the biological sector over the last 10 years but also as someone who has served on the SABO board for 4 years. He will also be serving on the financial committee for SABO where skills enhanced during his recent MBA will bring great value.

SABO (South African Bioproduct Organisation) was founded in 2013 through collaboration among the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Universities, research institutions, and the bioproduct industry. SABO aims to elevate bioproduct quality in the market for the benefit of both consumers and the market itself. It also strives to advance South Africa's agricultural bioproduct sector and uphold ethical and science-based standards by regulating participant activities.

The work of SABO is significant for the export crop market as growers find themselves under increasing pressure to deliver high quality fruit with minimal chemical residues on them while at the same time containing no phytosanitary pests. Biological products are a big part of getting this right and supporting more sustainable farming practices.



We are extremely proud of Sean and his achievements and will support him in his new role as Chairperson of the SABO Board.



The first shipment of MultiMax™ has left the building...

It has been an exciting time for River Bioscience and our growers! The first shipment of our patented novel CrpeNPV, MultiMax™, headed out from our facility to growers two weeks ago.



Big thanks to the whole team who worked on this and brought the research to reality!

September Birthdays

Saul Titus, Marlin Brink, Lionel Fransman, Cuman Oostendorff, Branwon Vallentyn, Jonah Booysen, Mandla Dilima, Rustum Jansen, Celia Polisa, Elrico Jafta, Wilhelm Koekemoer, Olwethu Tsewu, Deon Viljoen, Zonia Fortuin, John Opoku-Debrah

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