

# SA FRUIT & VEGETABLE CANNERS' ASSOCIATION

## SAFVCA Newsletter: October 2006 (Issue 7 of 2006)

### DEVELOPMENTS: DTI TASK TEAM

Subsequent to the DTI Task Team meeting held on 16 August 2006, SAFVCA facilitated the nomination process (including the arrangements for meetings) in respect of the four Cluster Groups, namely (1) Transformation; (2) Marketing; (3) Market Access; and (4) Competitiveness.

The Cluster Groups met during the week of the 9<sup>th</sup> of October in respect of the following:

- Setting up an Action Plan for each cluster;
- Re-prioritising the proposed projects; and
- Addressing the change in funding levels i.e. from 80/20% basis to 50/50% basis.

For the purposes of moving towards implementation, the Task Team has been renamed to the DTI Leader Group. The next meeting has been scheduled to take place on 27/28 November 2006 for the purpose of finalising an Industry Implementation Business Plan. The proposed timing in respect of implementation is 01 January 2007 - subject to DTI's approval of the Business Plan and its amended proposals.

### Events/Meetings attended during October 2006

- ❖ **27/09**: Attended Chamber of Commerce – **Port Liaison Forum Meeting** (PLF).
- ❖ **28/09**: Attended Wesgro's **Export Development Programme** (EDP) Networking Session
- ❖ **09/10**: Attended the **Transformation** Cluster 1 Meeting
- ❖ **10/10**: Visited the **Pineapple Canneries** (Collondale & Summerpride) in East London
- ❖ **11/10**: Attended a meeting with the **South African Sugar Association** (SASA) in Durban;
- ❖ **13/10**: Attended the Cluster (Groups 2 to 4) Meetings i.e. **Marketing, Market Access and Competitiveness**
- ❖ **18/10**: Submitted the **2007 EU Quota Applications**
- ❖ **19/10**: Attended the **Agricultural Trade Forum** (ATF) Meeting
- ❖ **19/10**: Attended the **Local Economic Development** Session.
- ❖ **20/10**: Attended **Mittal Steel's Cape Town Customer Function**
- ❖ **24/10**: Facilitated a meeting between Professor Philip Richardson of **Campden & Chorleywood (UK)** and the Cannery Quality Assurance representatives
- ❖ **25/10**: Attended **Branding Workshop** at DTI re. Branding South Africa - "Alive with Possibilities" Campaign
- ❖ **25/10**: Attended the Industrial Partnership Forum (IPF) Meeting
- ❖ **25/10**: Obtained approval from DTI re SSAS Application for **Third Party Inspection Services** (PPECB) Project and instructed the NPI accordingly.
- ❖ **26/10**: Participated in the **South Korean Trade Mission** (via DTI).
- ❖ **26/10**: Attended meeting with **Expeditors** re. Areas of Cooperation i.r.o. Freight, Forwarding & Logistics
- ❖ **27/10**: Meeting with **Omnium** re. Social Responsibility project – Waste Minimisation
- ❖ **27/10**: Represented SAFVCA at the **Fruit Industry Gala Awards** Evening held at the Lord Charles Hotel.
- ❖ **30/10**: Attended the **Deciduous Fruit Crop Estimate** Meeting

**Congratulations to our members that exhibited at SIAL 2006. We hope that your efforts will yield great success.**

### In the News ...

#### **"2006 Area Yield ... Summary"**

– ... fourth consecutive year of cling peach yield decreases (US) -  
*Peach Fuzz Vol. 36 No 10 Oct 10, 2006*

#### **"Frost reported to have hurt Australian canning fruit crop"**

– ... up to half of the region's 300 000 tonnes of fruit could have been wiped out -  
*Foodnews 29 September 2006*

#### **"Plentiful fruit supplies fail to halt pineapple price worries"**

– ... concerns about rising prices ...  
*Food news 06 October 2006*

#### **"Excessive cadmium presence in Kenyan Canned Pineapple"**

*Food news 13 October 2006*

#### **"Russian imports of canned fruit continue strong growth"**

*Foodnews 27 October 2006*

#### **"Sharp fall in Greece's tomato crop heralds paste shortage"**

*Foodnews 27 October 2006*

#### **Economic Indicators**

ZAR/\$: Oct 2006 (Ave): R 7.6382

CPI Sep 2006: 5.3 / CPIX: 5.1

PPI Sep 2006: 9.0

Prime Rate: 12%

### **Dates to Remember for Nov 2006**

**16 November 2006**

SAFVCA Board Meeting  
SAFVCEC Board & Member Meetings

**27/28 November 2006**

DTI Leader Group Meeting

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