

Inspections to prevent selling of immature avos

THE sale of immature avocados (which will not ripen properly) is prohibited in terms of the Agricultural Product Standards Act.

Inspectors from the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and Prokon will be testing maturity levels of early season avocados offered for sale. If avocados are found to be immature, the sale of this fruit will be prohibited.

Avocado growers are advised to ensure that their fruit meets the required maturity standard before picking. For the cultivar Fuerte, fruit moisture content must be 80%

or less. Reputable avocado packhouses are all able to carry out the necessary maturity testing. Inspectors will be checking avocado maturity on the National Fresh Produce Markets. Growers should be sure that their avocados are properly mature before harvesting to ensure that they do not run the risk of their fruit being rejected. The grower will be responsible for the cost of removing immature fruit from the market. For further information on maturity testing, contact the Subtropical Growers Association (Subtrop), tel. 015 307 3677.

Verbod op verkoop van onvolwasse avokados

DIE verkoop van onvolwasse avokado's (wat nie behoorlik ryp sal word nie) is verbode in terme van die Wet op Lanbouproduktstandaarde.

Inspekteurs van die Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserye (DAFF) en Prokon sal vroeg in die seisoen op die markte begin om avokado-volwassenheid te toets.

Die verkoop van alle onvolwasse avokado's sal verbied word.

Avokado produsente word aangeraai om seker te maak dat hulle vrugte voldoen aan die vereiste volwassenheidsstandaard voordat dit gepluk word. Vir die kultivar Fuerte moet die vrug se voginhoud 80% of minder wees. Betroubare avokado-

pakhuis is almal toegerus om die vereiste volwassenheidsstoets uit te voer.

Inspekteurs sal avokado-volwassenheid op die nasionale varsproduktmarkte kontroleer. Daarom moet produsente seker maak dat hulle vrugte aan die nodige vereistes voldoen voordat hulle oes. Sodoende sal hulle nie die risiko loop dat die verkoop van hulle vrugte verbied word nie. Alle koste om onvolwasse vrugte van die mark te verwyder sal vir die produsent se rekening wees.

Vir verdere inligting oor die volwassenheidsbepalings skakel die Subtropiese Kwekersvereniging (Subtrop) by tel: 015 307 3677.



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HARVEST

RAINWATER harvesting is the collection, filtering, storage and distribution of rainwater. It can be used for irrigation, as an emergency supply of water or a complete off-the-grid system.

It can be stored in water tanks or reservoirs.

Most South Africans are now aware that our country is facing one of the worst droughts since 1992.

In order for the water to be potable (drinkable), the right materials need to be used to construct the harvesting system and is important that these materials are simple, affordable and easy to acquire. Recommended materials for roofing include galvanised or corrugated iron sheets and corrugated plastic or tiles. Gutters can be made of local materials such as metal, aluminium or PVC whilst storage tanks can be made from plastic, bricks, cement, concrete or reinforced concrete.

It is important for harvested rainwater to be filtered, especially if it is going to be used as drinking water or for domestic purposes.

NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (SCOPING AND EIA PROCESS) FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF NEW 400kV TRANSMISSION POWER LINE BETWEEN FOSKOR AND SPENCER SUBSTATIONS AND EXPANSION OF SPENCER SUBSTATION IN MOPANI DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE.

Notice is hereby given in terms of National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) and EIA Regulations (GN R982) as amended in December 2014.

Description of the Activity

The scope of the project entails:

- The construction of a new ±120km, 400kV power line from Foskor Main Transmission Substation (MTS) to Spencer MTS; and
- The upgrading of Spencer MTS by installing 1x500MVA, 400/132kV transformer at Spencer MTS

This project triggers the following Listed Activities:

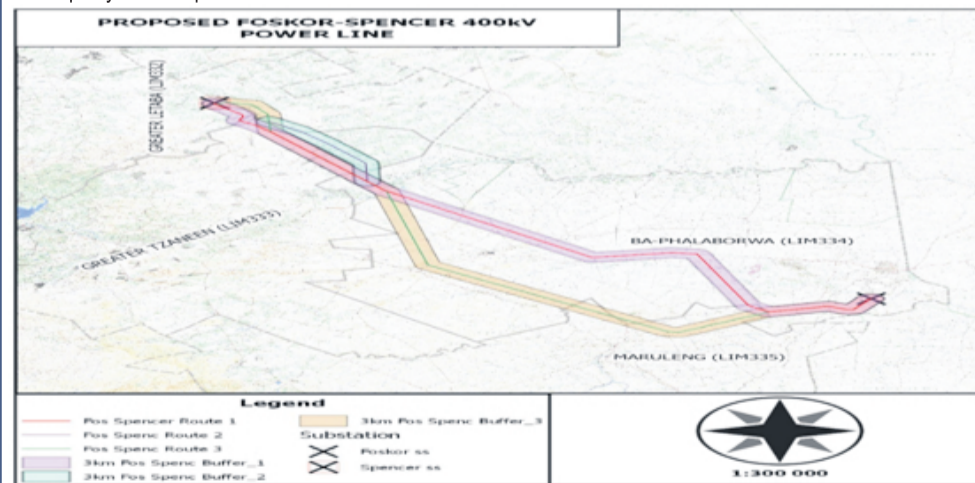
GNR.983, Item 14: The development of facilities or infrastructure, for the storage, or for the storage and handling of a dangerous good, where such storage occurs in containers with a combined capacity of 80 cubic meters or more but not exceeding 500 cubic metres

GNR.983 Item 27: The clearance of an area of 1 hectares or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation.

GNR.984 Item 9: The development of facilities or infrastructure for the transmission and distribution of electricity with a capacity of 275 kilovolts or more, outside and urban area or industrial;

Location of the Activity:

The proposed power line straddles the area lying between Phalaborwa-Tzaneen, traversing four local municipalities (Maruleng, Ba-Phalaborwa, Greater Tzaneen and Greater Letaba) within the Mopani District Municipality. See Map below:



You are invited to register as Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and/or submit your comments and queries to DIGES Group to the contacts given below

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TZANBLUE PACKERS

VACANCIES IN LIMPOPO

PACKHOUSE MANAGER

Job overview: A soft fruit pack house in Tzaneen, requires a suitably qualified and experienced Packhouse Manager to lead a new team. Reporting to the Company Chairman, the Packhouse Manager will take on responsibility for all pack house operations during packing season: (During off-season to work with an exciting new venture and join the team at a leading soft fruit growers to assist with Production Management, as this companies expands its soft fruit farming operation.)

Pack House Manager Duties:

- Management all pack house staff.
- Sound leadership and direction in the pack house ensuring quality product output, accuracy and consistency in pack house processes and documentation.
- Implementing policies and principles.
- Ensuring high standards of health and safety practices.
- Ensuring compliance to all necessary industry quality assurance standards.
- Meeting all specifications as required by both local and export customers.
- Production Team Management responsible for a further development of of blueberries under tunnels.
- Ensuring temperature and transport regulations

Requirements:

- Tertiary qualification (preferably an agricultural diploma).
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in managing perishable products in a pack house.
- Experience in HACCP, BRC and/or other quality systems.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal relationship skills.
- Strong numerical and planning skills.
- Computer Literacy- must be proficient in Excel
- Self-disciplined, a team player, honest and of high integrity.
- Able to work under minimum supervision while meeting the set targets & deadlines.
- Willing to work overtime and weekends.

The position will best suit an energetic, driven and professional individual who can pay attention to detail, is deadline orientated and able to perform independently and not under constant supervision, in a pressurised agricultural environment.

Salary Details: A market-related basic salary will be offered (depending on experience/ qualifications).

QUALITY CONTROL SOFT FRUIT

Job description: A soft fruit pack house in Tzaneen, requires Quality Controller. The role will entail all aspects of QC management including in-house quality control, hygiene inspections, internal audits and staff management

Requirements: Key tasks and duties

- Implement, record and report on a quality management
- Coordinate the daily work of the Quality Control teams.
- Monitor the quality of the products at receiving, Storage and Dispatch
- Liaise with suppliers on time respect all quality aspects.
- Manage company system for volumes and quality.
- Have food safety system experience (BRC, GlobalG.A.P)
- Develop a Supplier Quality Performance Report after each season.
- Document and resolve customer complaints regarding product quality.
- Be responsible for the procurement of QC instruments, assignment, calibration and control
- Monitor and assist the production team in the training of new staff concerning quality aspects
- Ensure that critical control points are being monitored and maintained
- Work in a safe and professional manner.
- Excellent people skills with a least 2-4 years of experience in a supervisory position
- A positive attitude and problem-solver approach Skills required
- Excellent communication skills
- Attention to detail.
- Good knowledge of MS Word and Excel
- Experience in food safety management systems
- Excellent knowledge of English written and speaking

Salary Details: A market-related salary will be offered

Send CV's to ally@tzanblue.co.za
Closing date for application is 3 February 2017.