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REPORT ON VISIT TO VENDA, SOUTH AFRICA

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09-September-2007 to 14-September-2007

PURPOSE

- **Personnel:** meet with LADEP, Limpopo Department of Agriculture.
- **Training:** conduct a five day **Training of Trainers Course** in Venda, South Africa, for Trainers from government, college staff in cooperation with CropLife South Africa.
- **Training Materials:** hand over CropLife training materials to participants and interested parties.

ACTIVITIES

Sunday, 09-September-2007

08h00: **Preparation**

11h45: Depart Pietermaritzburg (SA8736)

13h15: Arrive Johannesburg (SA8736)

17h05: Depart Johannesburg (SA8813)

18h10: Arrive Polokwane (SA8813)

18h30: Depart Polokwane

19h30: Arrive Louis Trichardt

Overnight: Louis Trichardt - Inn on Louis Trichardt

Monday, 10-September-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course Day 1**

18h00: End of Day 1

Overnight: Louis Trichardt - Inn on Louis Trichardt

Tuesday, 08-May-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course Day 2**

17h00: End of Day 2

Overnight: Louis Trichardt - Inn on Louis Trichardt

Wednesday, 09-May-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course Day 3**

17h00: End of Day 3

Overnight: Louis Trichardt - Inn on Louis Trichardt

Thursday, 10-March-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course Day 4**

17h00: End of Day 4

Overnight: Louis Trichardt - Inn on Louis Trichardt

Friday, 11-March-2007

08h00: **Training of Trainers Course Day 5**

13h00: End of Day 5

14h00: Depart Venda

15h00: Arrive Polokwane

15h40: Depart Polokwane (SA8812)

16h50: Arrive Johannesburg (SA8812)

18h25: Depart Johannesburg (SA8745)

20h25: Arrive Pietermaritzburg (SA8745)

21h00: **Reports, data capture & administration**

Overnight: Home

KEY PERSONNEL CONTACTED

- Dr Pia Chusu, Consultant, LADEP, Limpopo Department of Agriculture.
- Prof. A.E. Mesamvuni, Head of Training, Limpopo Department of Agriculture
- 12 Participants from government, colleges.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Facilitated five day ToT course for 12 participants from Limpopo Province.
- Show, discuss and hand over training materials.
- Discussions on further co-operation & training in future.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Continue plans for future training for this and next year (CLSA, All participants, PM).
- Provide training reports to CLSA, Peter Mills (all participants).
- Continue work with LAPED - future Technical course, future follow-up course (CLSA, TM).

CONCLUSION

First opportunity to work directly with government in South Africa, following earlier request from Frank O'Brien, UK consultant. Although a few hiccups along the way, the course eventually went well, and participants were very enthusiastic about the course and the future.

Future plans for follow-up are the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture in Limpopo Province, in Polokwane. These possibilities include:

1. Another ToT course for more trainees.
2. A Follow-up course for these trainees (two days refresher and preparation, two days training others, one day feedback with trainers).
3. A More detailed technical course for these participants.

I believe it would be in CropLife South Africa's interests to maintain good relationship with the Department of Agriculture in Limpopo, as these and many other staff employed in the department and in colleges are very involved in training of farmers in agricultural practices, including responsible use of pesticides. So, more courses, by arrangement, as suggested above should be considered.

KEY

PM = Peter Mills

CLSA = CropLife South Africa

TM = Tom Mabesa

Peter Mills

14-September-2007



Josephine Mangena, one of the participants, conducted an energizer for the participants.



Dr. Pia Chusu, Consultant to the Limpopo Department of Agriculture watches as participants undertake an exercise on Training Principles.



At the conclusion of the workshop, certificates were presented to the participants by Dr. Pia Chusu, Consultant with the LADEP, Limpopo Department of Agriculture.



The group of participants from colleges and the Department of Agriculture pose with their certificates inside the venue.