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**Press release**  
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The National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) was requested by the Registrar of the Plant Improvement Act to facilitate a workshop to debate the Southern African Citrus Improvement Scheme (CIS) as a statutory scheme under the Plant Improvement Act (Act 53 of 1976) (PIA).

The NAMC's CEO, Mr Ronald Ramabulana, will act as facilitator during the workshop. Different options (a voluntary or compulsory statutory CIS) will be presented and debated during the workshop. Furthermore, other viewpoints will also be debated during the workshop.

The details of the Workshop are as follows:

Date: 9 April 2014

Time: 09h30 (for 10h00) until 16h00

Venue: Birchwood Hotel & OR Tambo Conference Centre, View Point Rd, Boksburg

Relevant documents will follow in due course; to confirmed attendants or specific requests.

This workshop will enable the Registrar to finalise documentation to be presented to the Minister for establishment of the CIS as a statutory scheme under the PIA. Therefore, it would be appreciated if you could forward this invitation to your constituency and / or other interested role players in the citrus industry.

Please respond and **confirm your attendance** to Mathilda van der Walt at [Mathilda@namc.co.za](mailto:Mathilda@namc.co.za) **before 28 March 2014**.

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