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POST: 1 X MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF MAIZE TRUST (MT)

The National Agricultural Marketing Council's (NAMC) Agricultural Regulatory Measures Division (ARMD) is responsible for facilitating effective communication between the agricultural industries and the Minister of the Department of Agriculture (DoA). Among other things, Agricultural Regulatory Measures Division (ARMD) is expected to facilitate the process of the appointment of The Ministerial Representative. This release is aimed at fulfilling that activity regarding the Maize Trust (MT).

OBJECTIVES OF THE BOARD OF THE MAIZE TRUST (MT):

3.1 The sole and principal object of the Trust is to provide funding for the benefit of the maize industry in the Republic of South Africa and more specifically to financially support, namely: -

3.1.1 market and production related scientific and/or technical research in respect of maize and acquisition, assimilation and dissemination of market information for maize and in respect of the maize industry (the ARC – Summer Grain Centre, the Maize Research Division of the Grain Producers' Organisation, or any other organisation can apply for such funds); and

3.1.2 market access in respect of South African maize (inter alla by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists)

3.2 The Trustee shall ensure, as far as possible, that the objective referred to in 3.1.1 shall benefit the maize industry as a whole and not only particular components thereof.

3.3 In pursuing the objectives of the Trust as set out in 3.1, the Trustees shall take in to account the vies of the directly affected group in the Technical Advisory Forum.

3.4 At least once a year, the Trustees shall widely advertise for application for funding from the Trust which advance the objectives of the Trust.

3.5 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of the trust deed, the Trustees shall not be entitled to exercise any power, discretion or authority in any manner whatsoever, unless it is exercised exclusively for the purposes of furthering the objects of the Trust as set out in 3.1

3.6 No profits or gains of the Trust shall be distributed to any person, and the funds of the Trust shall be utilised Soley for the furtherance of the objects of the Trust as set out in 3.1, or to invest such funds-

3.6.1 with a financial institution as defined in section 1 of financial Institution (Investment of Funds) Act, 1984(Act 39 of 1984) as amended;

3.6.2 In securities listed on a licenced stock exchange as defined in section 1 of the Stock Exchange Control Act, 1985 (Act 1 of 1985;

3.6.3 In such other financial instruments as the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service may approve.

3.7 Unless the Commission for South African Reserve Services directs otherwise, the Trustees shall distribute at least 75% of the net revenue of the Trust in accordance with and in pursuance of the objectives of the trust set out in clause 3.1, within in a periods of 12 months from the end of the financial year of the Trust during which such revenue accrued to the Trust.



TERMS OF MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE:

The term of the Ministerial Trustee is two (2) years. Ministerial Trustees may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms, and the reappointment is subject to their performance and commitment in the first term. Ministerial Trustees who have served for two consecutive terms will not be eligible for reappointment.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA TO SERVE AS A MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE:

a. Be a citizen of the Republic of South Africa;
b. Possess the ability to analyse and interpret financial statements and investments;
c. Have a minimum of five years' experience in the fields of agriculture, land reform, and rural development;
d. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the government's transformation policies;
e. Show a strong desire to advocate for and advance the interests of smallholder farmers in the maize industry;
f. Not be an immediate family member of, nor have any business affiliations with, members of the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC);
g. Possess excellent teamwork and leadership skills, with the ability to work effectively as a member of a team;
h. Be willing to accept the duties and responsibilities of a ministerial representative;
i. Have an understanding of agricultural Trusts, statutory levies, and their objectives.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES:

a. Ministerial Representative have a legal obligation to take shared responsibility for the Trust in which they represent the Minister on, and must ensure that;
   i. The Trust pursues its objectives as outlined in the Trust Deed;
   ii. The assets of the Agency are protected and used exclusively to pursue its objectives; and
b. The Ministerial Representative should be available for the meetings and report to the NAMC regarding the key issues discussed and decisions taken during the meeting; and
c. Report to the NAMC regarding activities of Maize Trust on a continuous basis;
d. Ensure that the assets of the Agency and levy funds are utilized in a manner that is consistent with objectives of the Trust Deed and the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act (MAP Act).

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE:

a. Research;
b. Agriculture and awareness of emerging farmer issues;
c. Serving the public interests;
d. Governance;
e. Diversity;
f. Financial management;
g. Political/ Local, Provincial and National government knowledge; and
h. Legal knowledge

Please forward your CV along with a motivational letter, which should not exceed two pages in length, to:
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If you have not been contacted within three months of the closing date, please note that your application was unsuccessful.