

Dear Producer

*The Afrikaans version follows the English news.*

In this week's Meatco news:

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### **1. Notice: 24<sup>th</sup> Meatco Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given to all registered members of Meatco to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Friday, **4 June 2010**, at the **Wanderers Sports Club** in Windhoek at **09h00**.

Should the opportunity present itself, kindly inform fellow registered members of the abovementioned meeting.

### **2. Calling on nominations for communal, commercial and specialist representatives to serve on Meatco's Board of Directors**

The process of nominating and electing a new Meatco Board of Directors has started with the service term of the current Directors lapsing this year.

As stipulated in the Meat Corporation Act No.1 of 2001, registered Meatco members shall nominate **communal** and **commercial** producer representatives from whom the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry will appoint one of each to serve on the Board of Directors.

Members shall also nominate **specialist members** from whom the Minister will appoint two candidates as directors. When nominating specialist members, please keep in mind that these persons should be experts in the fields of abattoir management, the trade of livestock and livestock products or any other business or financial sphere. This will ensure a varied representation on the Meatco Board of Directors which, in the end, will best serve the interests of its producers.

#### **The nomination process**

To nominate a candidate for either of the abovementioned positions, simply complete the attached nomination form and have it delivered to Meatco's Head Office in Sheffield Street in Windhoek. The nomination form, accompanied by the nominee's curriculum vitae and a list of other directorships, should reach us not later than Wednesday, 26 May 2010. Please clearly mark it for the attention of Mr Jan Mostert.

Kindly note that the nominee, as well as the persons who nominated and seconded him or her, must be registered Meatco members. Further refer to point 3 in this e-newsletter on how to become a Meatco member.

Persons who nominated candidates for directorship will be required to motivate his/her decision at the AGM in June.

Do not hesitate to contact us at 061 – 321 6442 or [mviljoen@meatco.com.na](mailto:mviljoen@meatco.com.na) should you require any further information.

### **3. How do I become a Meatco member?**

Each and every producer who delivers at least one head of cattle or sheep to Meatco automatically qualifies for membership, provided he/she applies in writing by completing a Meatco membership form. This includes all Namibian producers, regardless of how many livestock he/she owns or where he/she farms.

There are now costs or registration fees involved and membership earns you **voting rights** which are significant when it comes to decision making at meetings such as the AGM.

Meatco membership registration forms are available at any of Meatco's factories and Livestock Procurement Offices countrywide. Membership is subject to the delivery of one head of cattle or sheep to Meatco within a two year period.

### **4. Okahandja factory open for slaughtering**

Meatco's Okahandja factory reopened for slaughtering on 22 February 2010 after being temporarily closed since 4 December 2009 for maintenance. Major renovations were made to the factory's deboning area to improve production efficiency and maximize value addition.

To book a slaughter space at the Okahandja abattoir, kindly contact Rivonia Garobes at tel: 062 – 505 707 of [ekrause@meatco.com.na](mailto:ekrause@meatco.com.na). Please note that Meatco does not send quote cards per post anymore, but now contacts the producer telephonically to confirm his or her slaughter space. This is usually done on the day after the quota allocation took place.

Producers are also welcome to contact Rivonia if they have any questions on their slaughter dates.

### **5. Reminder: entries to the 2010 Meatco National Braai Competition**

The 2010 Meatco National Braai Competition was officially launched last Thursday with members of the Namibian media. The competition will be hosted by Sonop FA on 23 and 24 April 2010 at the Gobabis Show Grounds and promises to be fun for old and young.

The theme of this year's competition is **soccer world cup** and all Farmers' Associations (FA's) and the business sector alike are invited to enter. Entry forms are available at all Meatco abattoirs and Livestock Procurement Offices across the country as well as from Sonop FA. Alternatively, contact us at [mviljoen@meatco.com.na](mailto:mviljoen@meatco.com.na) for an electronic version.

FA's enjoy free participation, whilst entrance in the social category is N\$1,000 per team. **Entries close 31 March 2010.**

### **6. Ekwatho Information Day on 29 April 2010**

Meatco, in collaboration with Witvlei FA, will be hosting an Ekwatho Information Day on 29 April 2010 at 10h30 at Farm Okasewa of Mr & Mrs U. Pack. Farm Okasewa is situated 20km outside Witvlei on the B6 road towards Windhoek.

Topics to be discussed include:

- The results and achievements of the Ekwatho Financing Scheme;
- Financing of producers;
- How ox producers who have their own funds can become involved in the Ekwatho Scheme;
- Ekwatho producer testimonial;
- Pointers for getting the best out of raising slaughter cattle;
- An economic outlook on agriculture;
- Feed and lick supplementation and
- Practical session: on-the-hoof judging and selection of the right cattle for ox production.

Kindly please confirm your attendance on or before 16 April 2010 with Michelle Victor or Cindy Fillipus at 061-321 6400 or [financing@meatco.com.na](mailto:financing@meatco.com.na)

Your next e-newsletter will be sent on Wednesday, 17 March 2010.

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5. Herinnering: inskrywings tot die 2010 Meatco Nasionale Braaikompetisie en
6. Ekwatho Inligtingsdag.

### **1. Kennisgewing: 24ste Meatco Algemene Jaarvergadering**

Alle geregistreerde lede van Meatco word hiermee in kennis gestel dat die 24ste Meatco Algemene Jaarvergadering Vrydag, **4 Junie 2010**, om **09h00** by die **Wanderers Sportsklub in Windhoek** sal plaasvind.

Sou die geleentheid homself voordoen, stel asseblief u mededele van die bogenoemde vergadering in kennis.

## **2. Roep vir nominasies van kommunale-, kommersiële- en spesialis-verteenwoordigers om op die Meatco Raad van Direkteure te dien**

Met die dienstydperk van die huidige Meatco Raad van Direkteure wat vanjaar verstrek, het die proses om nuwe verteenwoordigers te nomineer en aan te stel, amptelik afgeskop.

Soos uiteengesit in die Vleiskorporasie Wet No. 1 van 2001, mag alle registreerde Meatco-lede **kommunale** en **kommersiële** produsente verteenwoordigers van wie die Minister van Landbou, Bosbou en Water een van elk sal aanstel om die Meatco Raad van Direkteure te dien.

Lede mag ook kandidate nomineer om as **spesialiste** op die Raad van Direkteure te dien, van wie die Minister twee sal aanstel.

Wat die spesialis verteenwoordigers betref, moet dit persone kundiges wees op die gebiede van abattoir-bestuur, handel dryf in lewendehawe of lewendehawe produkte en/of enige ander sake of finansiële areas. Sodoende word die wydste moontlike verteenwoordiging op raadsvlak verseker wat uiteindelik na die belange van die produsente sal omsien.

### **Die nominasieproses**

Om 'n kandidaat vir enige van die posisies te nomineer moet die aangehegte nominasievorm ingevul en by Meatco se Hoofkantoor in Sheffieldstraat, Windhoek, afgelewer word. Die vorm, tesame met 'n *curriculum vitae* van die persoon wat genomineer word sowel as 'n lys van ander direkteurskappe, moet vir die aandag van mnr. Jan Mostert gerig word. Die vorms moet Meatco nie later as 19 Mei 2010 bereik nie.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die persoon wat genomineer word, asook die nomineerder en sekondant, moet registreerde Meatco-lede wees. Meer oor hoe om 'n Meatco-lid te word onder punt drie in hierdie e-nuusbrief.

Persone wat 'n kandidaat genomineer het, moet sy nominasie by die Algemene Jaarvergadering in Junie motiveer.

Moet nie huiwer om ons by 061 – 321 6442 of [mviljoen@meatco.com.na](mailto:mviljoen@meatco.com.na) te kontak indien u meer inligting verlang nie.

### **3. Hoe word ek 'n Meatco-lid?**

Alle produsente wat minstens een bees of skaap na Meatco lewer kom outomaties in aanmerking vir lidmaatskap, mits hy skriftelik daarvoor aansoek doen deur 'n lidmaatskap-registrasievorm in te vul. Dit geld vir alle Namibiese produsente, ongeag van hoeveel bees die persoon besit of waar hy/sy boer.

Meatco-lede het **stemregte** wat beteken hulle is deel van die **besluitnemingsproses** op vergaderings soos die Algemene Jaarvergadering.

Daar is **geen kostes of aansluitingsfooie** aan Meatco-lidmaatskap verbonde nie. Registrasievorms is by alle Meatco-fabrieke en Lewendehawe Voorsieningskantore regoor die land beskikbaar.

Meatco-lidmaatskap is onderhewig aan die lewering van minstens een bees binne die bestek van twee jaar. Vir meer inligting, skakel ons by 061 – 321 6000 of 062 – 505700.

#### **4. Okahandja fabriek weer oop vir verslagting**

Meatco se fabriek op Okahandja is sedert 22 Februarie 2010 weer oop vir verslagting. Die fabriek is op 4 Desember 2009 tydelik gesluit vir herstelwerk. Groot veranderinge is aan die fabriek se ontbeningsarea gemaak ten einde produksie te verbeter en meer waarde toe te voeg.

Om 'n slagbeurt by die Okahandja-aanleg te boek, kontak gerus vir Rivonia Garobes by 062 – 505 707 of [ekrause@meatco.com.na](mailto:ekrause@meatco.com.na). Neem asseblief ook kennis dat Meatco nie meer kwotakaarte per pos uitstuur nie, maar produsente nou telefonies van hul slagbeurte in kennis stel. Dit geskied gewoonlik die dag nadat die kwota-allokasie gedoen is.

Produsente is ook welkom om vir Rivonia te kontak sou hulle enige vrae oor hul slagbeurte het.

#### **5. Herinnering: deelname aan die 2010 Meatco Nasionale Braaikompetisie**

Die 2010 Meatco Nasionale Braaikompetisie is verlede week tydens 'n media-geleentheid in Windhoek bekend gestel. Die kompetisie word op 24 & 24 April deur Sonop BV by die Gobabis Skougronde aangebied en belooft om hope pret vir oud en jonk te wees.

Die tema van vanjaar se kompetisie is Sokker Wêreldbeker en alle Boereverenigings (BV's) van regoor Namibië sowel as die sakesektor word uitgenooi om deel te neem.

Inskrywingsvorme is by alle Meatco-fabrieke en Lewendehawe Kantore of Sonop BV beskikbaar.

Alternatiewelik kan u ons by [mviljoen@meatco.com.na](mailto:mviljoen@meatco.com.na) kontak vir 'n elektroniese weergawe.

**Inskrywings sluit 31 Maart 2010.**

#### **6. Ekwatho Inligtingsdag: 29 April 2010**

Meatco, in samewerking met die Witvlei BV, bied op **29 April 2010** om **10h30** 'n Ekwatho inligtingsdag op die plaas **Okasewa** aan. Okasewa behoort aan mnr. en me. U. Pack en is 20 kilometer buite Witvlei op die B6-pad na Windhoek geleë.

Van die onderwerpe wat bespreek gaan word sluit in:

- Die uitslae en vordering van die Ekwatho Finansieringskema;
- Finansiering van produsente;
- Hoe osprodusente wie hul eie fondse beskikbaar het by die Ekwatho Finansieringskema betrokke kan raak;
- 'n Getuienis van 'n Ekwatho-produsent;
- Wenke oor slagbeesproduksie;
- Ekonomiese uitkyk wat landbou betref;
- Byvoeding of lekaanvullings en
- 'n Praktiese sessie: op-die-hoef-beoordeling en seleksie van die regte bees vir osproduksie.

Bevestig asseblief u bywoning teen 16 April 2010 by Michelle Victor of Cindy Fillipus by 061 – 321 6400 of [financing@meatco.com.na](mailto:financing@meatco.com.na) .