



Mentoring of emerging farmers at Elim

(PRJ-0042-2014)

Milk Producers Organisation

Quarter 1 2014/2014 (January 2014 till March 2014)

Project goals

Goal 1 - Establishment of irrigation pasture

Achievements

Phase 2 of the irrigation programme has been implemented.

- The new pump station has been completed according to the prescripts of the Western Cape Heritage Foundation
- Electricity for the pump system has been installed
- The new pump system covers the 20 ha irrigation of Phase 1 as well as the 22 ha irrigation of Phase 2.

Seed and pasture planning were conducted.

- Planting took place at the end of March 2014.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 2 - Increase cows (to 200 cows in milk by Oct 2014)

Achievements

Elim herd composition is as follows:

- Cows in milk: 133
- Dry cows: 32
- Heifers: 102 (Pregnant heifers: 22 - between Mar - Oct 2014)
- Calves: 70
- Bulls: 2
- Total herd: 337

Elim lost 5 cows due to Babesiosis (Redwater). A designated veterinarian treated the herd and the situation is currently under control.

At present reproduction receives a high level of attention.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - Training

Achievements

Training by the Institute for Dairy Technology is planned for the latter part of 2014.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 4 - Mentorship reports (every three months)

Achievements

Between Jan - Mar 2014 the mentor paid three visits per month, followed up by monthly reports. These visits included three technical committee meetings and a directors meeting.

The mentor also attended a mentor training meeting presented by the Department of Agriculture in Bredasdorp.

During the first technical committee meeting in Jan 2014, the strategic planning and technical aspects regarding Elim Dairy were addressed.

The Mentor reported the followings relevant aspects:

- Elim to join SEESA to address personnel matters such as contracts and disciplinary actions.
- The Department of Agriculture submitted a proposal to address drainage problems on request of the Technical committee.
- The financial statements of Elim indicates positive year-end results for 2013.
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- Parmalat committed themselves to a financial support package with Elim. This package consist of an interest free loan which will be deducted monthly from the 'milk cheque'. The board of directors has already authorized the acquisition of 40 cows with this loan.

Non-achievements / underperformance

Elim is awaiting the reallocation of CPAC funds (R49 000) to purchase fertilizer.

Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance

NA

Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

NA

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	MPO BUDGET MENTORSHIP 2014.1.xlsx
Unnecessary spending during period	No

Popular Report

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Additional documentation

[PHOTOS.PASTURE.2014.docx](#)

Statement

Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract	Yes
Levy funds were applied in an appropriate and accountable manner	Yes

Sufficient management and internal control systems were in place to adequately control the project and accurately account for the project expenditure	Yes
The information provided in the report is correct	Yes