

MEDIA RELEASE

THE MAIZE TRUST

PROJECT FUNDING IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY

The Maize Trust has now for six years served the South African maize industry through financial support to institutions and organisations with programmes involved in market and production related research, the acquisition and dissemination of market information and the improvement of market access.

The Trust comprises six Trustees who are appointed by both government and the industry every two years. The present Trustees are:

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Mr. Jannie de Villiers, Chairperson of the Trust, says, "Since the establishment of the Maize Trust in 1998 it has granted over R130 million to applications involving research, development and information programmes in the maize industry. During the past financial year alone, the Trust has allocated an amount of R37 million, of which R21 million went towards research projects and nearly R8 million was distributed to various development projects for the emerging sector".

He says, "Although a definite increase was seen in the number of funding applications to the Trust during the past year, the Trustees are convinced that more could be done for the industry. For this reason I wish to invite institutions and organisations with projects, which are aimed at benefiting the South African maize industry, to submit proposals for financial assistance to the Trust for consideration".

The Norms and Procedures that apply to funding proposals can be obtained from the Administrators of the Trust at the following contact details:

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