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BathoPele scoops award for agricultural training

BathoPele Agri Development Institute, a Free State based training provider specializing in Agricultural training in Africa, has scooped an Excellence award as Leading Private Provider, from the Agri SETA.

This is the second excellence award they received from the Seta.

Two other awards were also scooped by learners who have completed a skills programme and learnership through Bathopele. They are:

Maria Lebone - Best performing learner: Learnership. Supported by Sernick

Preline Swart - Best performing learner: Skills Programme. Supported by Kaapafgri.

Over the past fifteen years hundreds of developing farmers from all over the country and Africa have completed BathoPele's training programmes in cooperation with several of South Africa's leading agribusinesses. These include Senwes, OVK, VKB, NTK, Kaap Agri, NWK, Obaro, Sernick, Sparta, Suidwes, Afgri, Overberg Agri and John Deere, to name but a few.

Bathopele has trained more than 7 000 new / emerging / smallholder farmers in Sub Sahara Africa over the past few years.

Several of these have since become commercial farmers and received several accolades from Grain SA, Agri SETA and other institutions.

The programmes in South Africa is funded by the Agri SETA and Agri Businesses.

Ernest Beck – Director Bathopele commented as follow:

“We are fully committed to skills development in the agricultural sector and passionate not only about our business, but also our relationship with our clients and our common mission to develop farmers to ensure prosperity for all in Africa.

“Agribusinesses form the cornerstone of our success in this field, and we have established and maintained successful relationships with these companies, some for as long as fifteen years.”

We place great emphasis on providing a holistic solution. This entails being actively involved during the whole process, from appraisal of potential candidates' learning capabilities and providing tailor-made learning materials and relevant technical advice from agricultural input providers, assisting with assessments, right through to ensuring continued mentorship afterwards.

Ultimately, BathoPele, through its mission to establish successful commercial black farmers, delivers a strong message of hope in an agricultural sector troubled by continuous reports of land reform failures and government's target to redistribute agricultural land.

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