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MONSANTO TO INVEST R2 million IN YOUNG PEOPLE IN 2017 IN STUDY GRANTS FOR 13 STUDENTS AND INTERNSHIPS

13 students will be awarded study grants for 2017 as part of a support programme towards the development of the scientist and agriculturists of the future. In addition, 10 graduates will receive internships in various roles.

“We are confident that the investment we are making in the future of young people in South Africa, as well as the valuable research that will be generated through this bursary and support programme, will lead to more effective solutions for farmers in the future,’ says Kobus Steenekamp, MD Monsanto South Africa.

“Monsanto is committed to a Broad- Based Black Economic transformation in agriculture that will have a positive and sustainable impact on our sector and that will empower people and communities from previously disadvantaged groups, through education and skills transfer.

“We acknowledge the importance of B-BBEE and with the bursary programme, we reaffirm our commitment as a responsible corporate citizen by contributing to the improvement and development of young people so that previously disadvantaged people can gain access into the entire agricultural value chain.

“In addition to the bursary scheme, Monsanto will once again also continue with its internship programme and will employ 10 young people to gain work experience in 2017.

“These programmes not only forms part of our B-BBEE commitment, but also shows our commitment towards the development of and the support to the broader agricultural sector.

The total amount that will be paid out to bursaries and internships for 2017 will be approximately R2 million.

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