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Four Fertasa Members Receive Code of Conduct Compliance Certificates

Four of Fertasa's members, Dfert, Kimleigh, NWK and Profert, were awarded Code of Conduct Compliance certificates at the association's Management Committee meeting on 29 November 2016.

Fertasa, the Fertilizer Association of Southern Africa, launched its rigorous Code of Conduct scheme in 2014. Companies that take part in this scheme open their operations to an independent evaluation process, which ensures integrity in their product safety, bio-security and manufacturing quality processes. This scheme was developed by Afri Compliance with the aim of offering companies peace of mind that their manufacturing facilities and products are in line with local legal and statutory requirements.

Mr Adriaan de Lange, Fertasa's Chairman, expressed the following sentiments before handing over the certificates: "A forward-looking approach to the risks related to product safety and quality assurance in agriculture and its related industries, and the effective management of these risks through compliance, is becoming more and more pertinent."

Fertasa's Code of Conduct Scheme also assists fertilizer product manufacturers to improve and enhance their systems in terms of quality and safety. "Product safety, bio-security and high-quality products remain a great priority to responsible industries," added Mr de Lange.

Afri Compliance, a leading auditor of agricultural compliance programmes, is responsible for carrying out the scheme's audits. During an independent audit, Afri Compliance stringently evaluates the legal validity of registered products, safety and access controls, raw material management, delivery management, additives, label requirements and record keeping.

Mr Joe Hanekom, MD of Afri Compliance, stated, "It is our company's vision to assist industry associations such as Fertasa to put the necessary controls in place that will help to protect themselves and their clients from the risks associated with non-compliance."

Fertasa's purpose is to promote the integrity of each member and the image of the fertilizer industry as a whole. Mr de Lange summed this up when he said, "It has always been our view that companies in the Southern African fertilizer industry should produce products of a very high standard. The members that were awarded certificates today can be very proud of their manufacturing standards."