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Appointment of GWK Group Managing Director

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The GWK Board today announced their decision to appoint Llewellyn Brooks, current Managing Director of GWK Trading, as GWK Group Managing Director. The appointment is effective as of 3 April 2017.

This comes after Pieter Spies, who was the GWK Group Managing Director until end February 2017, accepted a position with Tiger Brands as of March 2017 as the Executive Head of grain operations.

“Llewellyn has been part of the GWK team for six years. He is a strong leader with the ability to sustainably implement the GWK strategy. The GWK Board is proud to appoint one of our internal leaders in this position,” says Frank Lawrence, Chairman of the GWK Board.

As Managing Director, GWK Trading, Llewellyn was responsible for a diverse group of businesses within GWK. Among others, Llewellyn and his team were able to start a new International Trading Business and have grown this into a business with a turnover of close to R 1 billion.

Prior to joining GWK, Llewellyn was part of the banking industry for almost two decades, where he gained extensive experience and exposure in Treasury-trading, as well as commercial and investment banking. In addition to the time he has spent with GWK since 2011, he also worked at Afgri for two years as the Managing Director of their Trading Business.

Pieter Bekker, GWK Chief Operating Officer, will continue in his role as acting Managing Director until 2 April 2017. “I would like to thank Pieter for the exceptional manner in which he fulfilled this role,” says Lawrence.

“The GWK Board would like to congratulate Llewellyn on his appointment as GWK Group Managing Director. Llewellyn understands the DNA of our company. Under Llewellyn’s leadership and with support from the GWK Top Management team, we are looking forward to the next phase of sustainable growth for GWK,” says Lawrence

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ABOUT GWK

GWK is a public, farmer-owned company, operating from its head office in Douglas in the Northern Cape, with offices also in the Western Cape, Eastern Cape, Northwest, Free State and KwaZulu-Natal. GWK is involved in grain products, specialist crops and meat and auction services amongst others, providing farmers with the inputs they need, supporting them with the best solutions on the farm and ensuring the best channels to market for their products, locally and abroad. GWK’s premium branded foods are manufactured with a plough-to-plate philosophy, linking consumers with farmers through sustainably manufactured products from the farm.

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