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WINE INDUSTRY VALUE CHAIN ROUND TABLE RECORD OF DECISIONS Bulletin No. 1 of 2016 March 2016

THE WIVCRT MARCHES INTO 2016

Following the inaugural sitting of the Wine Industry Value Chain Round Table (WIVCRT) that took place on the 02nd of September 2015 and the second sitting that took place in November 2015, the third sitting of the WIVCRT took place on the 08th of March 2016 at VinPro Offices in Paarl.

The third sitting took place mainly to record progress made in the implementation of the Wine Industry Strategic Exercise (WISE), get feedback from the meeting of the WIVCRT convenors and the meeting that took place between the industry and the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Honourable Mr. Senzeni Zokwana. The sitting also discussed the draft action plans of the six working groups of the WIVCRT, i.e. Employment and Worker Welfare, Transformation, Global Trade, Resources, Local Market and Wine Tourism, and Research, Development and Innovation.

RECORD OF DECISIONS

The wine industry decided to adopt the Wine Industry Strategic Exercise (WISE) as a point of departure for the work of the WIVCRT and the third meeting of the WIVCRT made the following resolutions:

Progress on WISE implementation: The WIVCRT acknowledged and appreciated a presentation and progress made on the implementation of the WISE thus far, focussing on market access, transformation, local market and trade, and research and development.

Feedback from the WIVCRT meeting of the convenors and meeting with Minister: The WIVCRT working group convenors met on the 15th of December 2015 in Stellenbosch to discuss the Terms of References for the various working groups with the aim of aligning the various focus areas between work groups to avoid duplication of efforts and confusion. Among other things, the meeting decided to move education and training issues to the Research, Innovation and Development Working Group while all labour issues were moved to the

Employment and Worker Welfare Working Group. The industry held a meeting with the Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries mainly to discuss how the ongoing drought is affecting the wine industry. A draft annual report detailing the activities of the WIVCRT since its inception to date has been developed and circulated to members of the WIVCRT for their inputs before it can be submitted to the Minister.

Draft Actions Plans for the Working Groups: The sitting received oral reports of the ongoing actions within the various working groups of the WIVCRT. The Transformation and Employment and Worker Welfare Working Groups are planning a joint meeting to develop their action plans and budget proposals. The Wine and Agricultural Ethical Trade Association (WIETA) is going to be invited to participate in the work of the Global Trade Working Group. The Resources Working Group focuses on access to arable land and water, energy, and capital for housing and land reform projects. In the Local Market and Wine Tourism Working Group, a greater focus will be given to the local market in order to increase local consumption and sales and a person has already been identified to drive this process. The Research, Innovation and Technology Working Group focuses on climate change, wine marketing, socio-economic research, and training and development. Written actions plans and budget proposals are going to be developed for all working groups and presented during the next meeting of the WIVCRT in June 2016. A need was identified to have a consolidated document for all the ToRs, action plans and budgets for the WIVCRT and its WG's.

Proposed meeting within the industry: A meeting is going to be organised between various stakeholders to deal with various labour challenges (including evictions and dismissals) within the wine industry.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is the 09th of June 2016, from 10h00 to 14h30 at VinPro Offices in Paarl.

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