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# LET'S WELCOME GRIQUAS RUGBY TO OUR FAMILY

We are thrilled to announce our associate sponsorship of Tafel Lager Griquas Rugby - G.W.R.U. We are honoured to be associated with a union, renowned for its history for developing some of the best talent in the country. #SixGunGrill #CrownNational #TafelLagerGriquas

# A Journey of Merit

I began working for Crown as a Field Technician in June 2010. Coming from a Meat Factory background I was a perfect fit. I understood the importance of minimising down time by all means necessary. Over the years I have built strong relationships with all my customers by exceeding their service level expectations and ensuring that they know they can count on me anytime. In 2016 I was promoted to Technical Manager of equipment division for Africa and the sub-Sahara. Two things that I have learned is that consistency is key and there are unlimited ways to skin a cat. This year marks 10 years at Crown Food Group. And I am embracing the challenge of my role as Technical Sales Engineer.

Tumisang Monageng Technical Manager Crown food group (Africa and sub-Sahara)







#### **BIG UP TO THE PE FACTORY MART FOR SHARING THESE WITH US**

#### A few inspirational recipes to get you cooking up a storm



# NEW ADDITION TO

Massive Congratulations to Sharyn Kapoe from PE on her new bundle – little Joy Scarlett Kapoe







# Crown Food Group Head Office -LAUREN ARENDSE

As the days lead to the beginning of the new chapter for you, may each day be renewal of your love for each other, Congratulations on your big day. Lauren was showered with gifts and love from the friends and colleagues of Crown. A great send off to the Wifey land!









I am Lucky Gwala and I have been with the company for almost 2 years. I am a husband, father of 3 beautiful children and a pastor. In my personal time, in addition to my pastoral duties, I love reading and sports. I am a very loyal and kind person who enjoys joking with everyone. I love helping my community, whether it be from a counselling, feeding and clothing donation perspective, or finding ways to uplift the lives of the underprivileged.

My great achievement in 2020 has been being the recipient of the excellence award which I am very excited about. I am very honoured and wish to thank each and every one who has supported me on my journey. I wouldn't have achieved it without all my team members. With their support, I am confident that I will be able to excel in my role as a Crown National – Durban Representative. I am also grateful to my managers and superiors for seeing my potential and giving me a chance. Your guidance is much appreciated.

On a lighter note, one of my personal achievements this year was being able to extend my house. As a father and carer, I feel extremely blessed to able to provide for my family. Thank you Crown National for having me as one of your employees, thank you for allowing me to be part of your family, your trusted brand.



Agnes joined Crown Durban in 2016 as a product demonstrator but had a burning desire to be so much more. She accredits a big part of her success to her manageress, Gelien Els. She says that Gelien recognised her potential and encouraged her to go for driving lessons via the company. She achieved her driving licence and eventually became a rep with a busy calling cycle that sometimes takes her away for days from her boisterous toddler, born two years ago. But Agnes embraces all c hallenges of motherhood, wife and career, juggling evenly as a smart modern professional woman.



# Learning & Development Faith Mathole

#### THRIVING IN THE NEW NORMAL

The Corona Virus pandemic, and the subsequent lockdown, required the Learning & Development Team to adapt and employ new strategies to ensure continuation of our learning projects. Specifically, the learnership programmes that were rolled-out in January of this year.

At the beginning of lockdown, all face-to-face facilitation was cancelled, and we introduced virtual facilitation. This included WhatsApp videos, online meetings, presentations, conference calls, emails and videos.

Our unemployed learners played a significant role by supporting and adapting to the new learning processes under THE NEW NORMAL. In fact, they THRIVED and completed most of the theoretical training. Within the next few weeks, they will complete the practical assessments and will be well on their way to becoming gualified Fresh Meat Processing Technicians, i.e. Butchery Blockmen.

## **THUMBS UP TO THE FRESH MEAT PROCESSING LEARN** Now have no





## **MD's Excellence Awards winners**

Excellence is not a skill. It is way of life. Who could Re Imagine the protection of our staff wellbeing during COVID, while steering our mission to THRIVE, after Listeria?

The individuals who bore the brunt of pioneering protocols and the response to the COVID Lockdown while maintaining motivation, ensuring transformation, creating safe and secure working environments, improving our Food Safety philosophy and standards and ensuring progress in our competencies through training and development of staff, are deserving of the MD's Excellence Award.

This year the award went to two humble individuals who walked the extra mile, warriors in their own right!

To Neal and Reuben I salute and thank you for your support and commitment to the group. John Morris









# **CELEBRATING OUR 5 YEAR LONG**

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The successful growth of our company is the direct result of you, our valued employees. Your dedication and commitment serve as a vital link in the chain which drives our operation. In recognition of your commitment, we are pleased to present our 5 Year Service Award Employees:

#### LONG SERVICE AWARDS

#### **THE WINNERS ARE...**

**Mr S KLEMO Miss LA PICANA Mr AAM DE SOUSA Mr LO PATO Mr SC MKHIZE Mr MM SALAAM Mr L NHUTSVE Mr MR MULLER Mr F RAMWANA Mr NP VUSANI** Mr M MAQASHU Mr SS MAHUZA Mr DL BUTI **Mrs N SCHOLTZ Mr T RAMPERSADH** Mr CA ALLEN Mr JA TRUTER Mr M GESI Mr LL KHASA **Mr CL MEYER Mrs G HOFFMAN Mrs T MONTGOMERY Miss S SUMMERS Mr BR JANTJIES Mr R ROSSOUW Miss WA JONKER Mr R RIKHOTSO Mr L PRETORIUS Mrs IB SMIT** Mrs A MILES Mr CE JAKOBI **Mr FP MAZIBUKO Miss LM DE LANGE Mr SZ KONDILE Mrs SC GOMEZ** Mr M GCABO **Mr OE ABRAHAMS Mr TI MOLOI Mrs L CRONJE Mr JD PRETORIUS Miss R NOVEMBER Miss PM TAKALIMANE** 





### OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS – CROWN'S RISK AND COMPLIANCE INDUNA

## **WELCOME THE THEMBINATOR ON BOARD**

Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) is managed by General Managers (GMs) within the Group. Technical support and external oversight driving regulatory, Group and BidFood Africa standards are managed by SHE Managers. Mr Abdulhay Fakier, who will start on 1 October, will support Coastal, while Sithembile (Themba) Gamede manages Inland. This month, we feature the Inland SHE Manager. Themba is a seasoned OHS Specialist originally from Kwa-Zulu Natal. He has close to a decade of experience in the OHS sector and is multi-skilled in quality management and lead auditing with expertise in Sales & Marketing, IT, Manufacturing and FMCG sectors, having worked for high profile multinationals such as the Mondi Group.

Themba's passion for employee well-being is only surpassed by his drive for knowledge sharing with

GMs and 16(2)'s on compliance matters. Paralleling a René Descartes archetype, Themba is relentless in his pursuit of continuous improvement as a rationalist, a systems thinker, solution-orientated and risk and compliance management quintessential. Beneath the appearance of a no-nonsense disciplinarian lies a reliable open-minded person, ever willing to assist in risk and compliance matters. Themba urges all of you to contact him for assistance, advice or guidance on OHS matters.



#### NOBODY CAN DO EVERYTHING BUT EVERYBODY CAN DO SOMETHING

We are very excited to have launched this Newsletter, just to reiterate this is YOUR Newsletter so we would really appreciate your participation and feedback.

This newsletter is more employee-focused than brand-focused, meaning that employee news such as sports achievements, engagements, weddings, even pregnancies, are welcome. Any ideas from your side are also encouraged. For all submissions, get in contact with Eric at <u>eric.ngidi@crownfood.co.za</u>

Please follow us on our social media to see all the activities that happen in the business. Facebook: **@sixgungrill** and **@crownnational**