



PRESS RELEASE

Resignation of Anton SMIT and appointment of Jaco SMIT as general manager of TAURUS EVOLUTION

ANTON SMIT HAS REQUESTED HIS RESIGNATION AS GENERAL MANAGER OF TAURUS EVOLUTION. THE BOARD HAS ACCEPTED HIS RESIGNATION AND HAS APPOINTED JACO SMIT AS GENERAL MANAGER, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 7, 2017.



Anton SMIT

The board of TAURUS EVOLUTION thanks Anton for his leadership during the last 3 years, and understands Anton's choice to spend more time with his family and pursue his farm business interests. Anton explains: *"I enjoyed leading TAURUS EVOLUTION the first years with our present owners, it is time for a new period , and I am wishing Jaco success in his new role. I am confident he and the TAURUS EVOLUTION team will be ready to serve our customers, and grow the business in South Africa".*

Jaco SMIT will join TAURUS EVOLUTION with a wealth of 17 years of business experience, being involved 12 years in commercial roles within the South African genetics industry, in both dairy and beef. The last 5 years, he had his own business in semen sales, cattle merchandising and owned a Angus breeding farm. Jaco comments: *"I would like to thank TAURUS EVOLUTION to put their trust in me to lead the organization. I am excited and humble to become part of TAURUS EVOLUTION and equally pleased to share my knowledge and experience. With good values and great team work we can serve our famers. Together we can make it to work for all of us".*



Jaco SMIT



Albert REURINK

Albert REURINK, Director of International Business Division of EVOLUTION, concludes: *"We are pleased Jaco accepted the role of general manager. With his commercial and genetics experience he will lead our staff to serve our South African customers in the best possible way".*

TAURUS EVOLUTION is the only true South African genetics company investing in the long term future of S.A. farmers. This leading organisation delivers high quality genetics surrounded by services adapted to every farmer's needs. TAURUS EVOLUTION is owned by EVOLUTION, benefiting the support of a dynamic international group.

N°1 in France, n°2 in Europe and n°7 in the world for cattle and goats genetics, **EVOLUTION** is a cooperative located in West of France. The Cooperative's aim is to guide and support farmers to contribute, together, to nutritional and environmental challenges at worldwide level and to ensure the continued existence of the enterprise and livestock farms for future generation.

EVOLUTION International is the export unit of several French cooperatives representing over 50.000 farmers, EVOLUTION International has a diverse line up offering 6 dairy breeds, 10 continental beef breeds and 3 goat breeds that will now be available to S.A. farmers.

To learn more about EVOLUTION International, please visit:
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