



**KwaCele Farming**  
Annual Report  
2024/25

Plant Peace, Harvest Hope.



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# HR Report

The secret to the sweetness of our sugar cane is in dept of our roots into the land of Kwacele

**+460**  
PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY



**177 FEMALES (38%)**



**292 MALES (61%)**



**2 DISABLED (1%)**

Our wish goes beyond just providing employment to our local community in the sugar cane farms, we have a dream to create a platform for entrepreneurs by allowing them to be service providers of choice in the procurement process of the existing companies. This will ensure further job creation for our community.



# HR Report

KwaCele Farming, izwe lobaba mkhulu bethu, ikusasa lezingane zethu eliqhakazile.

**+460**



**ABAWU 177 KUBO ABESIMAME(38%)**



**ABAWU 292 ABESILISA(61%)**



**2 ABAKHUBAZEKILE (1%)**

Isifiso sethu singaphezu nje kokuhlinzeka umphakathi wakithi emapulazini lomoba ngokuqashwa, sinephupho lokwakhela osomabhizinisi inkundla ngokubavumela ukuba babe ngabahlinzeki bezinsizakalo abazikhethela bona ohlelweni lokuthengwa kwezimpahla ezinkampanini ezikhona. Lokhu kuzoqinisekisa ukuvuleka kwamathuba emisebenzi emphakathini wethu.

# Purpose

As envisaged by the founder Mr Themba B Nzuza, the purpose of The KwaCele Nhlanguini Communal Property Trust (KNCPT) is to develop and benefit the community of Nhlanguini, the trustees, their children and their next generations through the creation of wealth in the land that is owned by KNCPT.



Kwacele Founder: Mr Themba B Nzuza

# Our Values



## Human Rights and Dignity

Belief in the fundamental rights and worth of all people.



## Social and Economic Justice

Working to reduce poverty, inequality, and discrimination through the fair distribution of resources and opportunities.



## Equality and Diversity

Promoting the equal value of all people and actively rejecting oppression and discrimination based on any form of difference.



## Inclusivity and unity

Ensuring all members of the community are welcome and have a voice in the development process.

# Inhoso

Njengoba kwakuhloswe umsunguli uMnuz Themba B Nzuza, inhoso ye KwaCele Nhlanguini Communal Property Trust (KNCPT) wukuthuthukisa futhi nokuhlomulisa umphakathi waseNhlanguini, abaphathiswa, izingane zabo kanye nezizukulwane zabo ezizayo ngokwakhiwa komcebo kulo mhlaba ophethwe yi-KNCPT.



Kwacel Founder: Mr Themba B Nzuza

# Izimiso Zethu



## Amalungelo Abantu Nesithunzi

Ukukholelwa emalungelweni ayisisekelo, nokufaneleka kubo bonke abantu



## Ubulungiswa Bezenhhalakahle Nezomnotho

Ukusebenzela ukunciphisa ubumpofu, ukungalingani, nokucwasa ngokusabalalisa okufanelekile kwezinsiza namathuba.



## Ukulingana kwabantu

Ukukhuthaza inani elilinganayo labo bonke abantu kanye nokuphikisana nokucindezelwa nokucwaswa kwabanye kwabantu empakathini esiphila kuwo.



## Ukubandakanywa nobumbano

Ukuqinisekisa ukuthi wonke amalungu omphakathi amukelekile futhi anezwi ezinhlelweni zentuthuko zomphakathi wawo.



## Section B: Our History

While all our formal documents refer to 1998 as a year of lodging the claim with the Commission, the process of gathering the information and evidence the starting in as early as 1986 between Mr T. B Nzuza (The founder) and Mr S.D Mdluli who was the 1st secretary, they had their first formal meeting on the 26th of December 1986 with an aim to lodge a claim for the restitution of land rights with the Commission on Restitution of Land Rights 1994 (Act No. 22 of 1994).

In 1998 the Commission on Restitution of Land Rights Act, 1994 (Act No. 22 of 1994) confirmed a receipt of four other claims that were submitted by four other community members, Mr P.J Gumede, Mr D.M Ngubane, Mr P.G Gumede, Duze Ngcobo and Mr B.W Khuzwayo.

The claims were merged into one claim as there were overlaps between the submissions, this was done to avoid conflict and to ease administration on processing of the claims.

A combined KwaCele Claimant Community land claim was lodged with Commission on Restitution of Land Rights (CRLR) in the prescribed manner on the 30th of October 1998 by Mr B Nzuza (the founder), in compliance with section 11(1) and 2(1) of the Restitution Act No 22 of 1994 as amended.

After a long process the KwaCele Land Claim was eventually gazetted on the 13th of January 2006 on the Government Gazette (7 years later from the date of submission and 20 years from the first meeting).

The KwaCele Land Claim was settled in three phases between May 2008 and October 2010. The extent of the land restored to the Claimant community was 7200 hectares most of which was under cane.

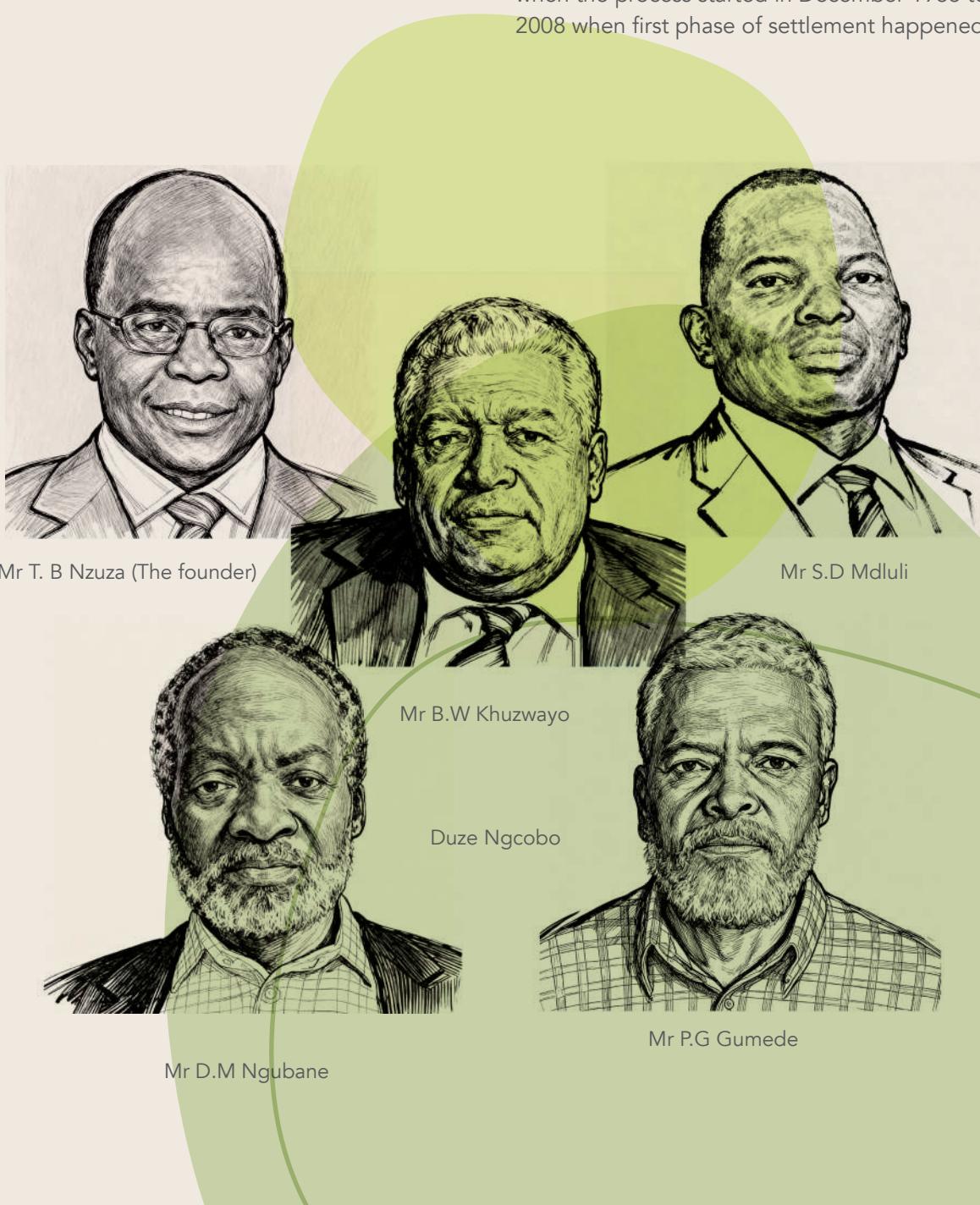
The State initially paid R118 million purchasing the land on behalf of the 526 claimants which is a value equivalent to R224 334.60 per claimant.

This investment is carried by KwaCele Nhlanguini Communal Property Trust which was formed in 2009 with a sole purpose of holding and growing the investment on behalf of beneficiaries.

## Our Hero's

The below 6 individuals are the reason why we have this value chain that is called KwaCele Nhlanguini Communal Property Trust and its operating companies from which we benefit in.

As the community of Nhlanguini and stakeholders in the value chain we can never thank these heros well enough for their tenacity, sacrifices, sleepless nights, time that was spent, including personal resources that they spent for over 22 years from when the process started in December 1986 to May 2008 when first phase of settlement happened.



## Section C: Value Chain Structure

**NHLANGWINI  
COMMUNITY**

Represented by approximately 816 families

**BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES**

Represents community on a day to day management of the affairs of the Trust, delegation of authority documented in the Trust deed.  
Represented by 9 members.

**KWA-CELE NHLANGWINI  
COMMUNAL PROPERTY  
TRUST**

Known as "The Trust" is 100% owned by the Nhlanguini community in A above, in turn The Trust has 100% shareholding in the operating companies noted in D below.

**KWACELE FARMING PTY LTD,  
DGK TRIO HOLDINGS PTY LTD,  
SAND AND STONES PTY LTD**

100% owned by The Trust, indirectly 100% owned by the community.

**BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS**

Provide oversight and strategic guidance for an organization, acting in the best interest of shareholders (The Trust/Community) and stakeholders (Employees, creditors, Banks, SARS etc). Key responsibilities include setting the company's strategic direction, evaluating the CEO, approving budgets and policies, and ensuring legal and ethical compliance.

**CEO**

Act as the primary link between the board of directors and the company's day-to-day operations, oversee all departments, manage company resources, and serve as the public face of the organization.

**MANAGEMENT**

Responsible for the running of operations on a day to day basis.

## A – KwaCele Nhlanguini Communal Property Trust

The KwaCele-Nhlanguini Communal Property Trust (The Trust) was established in 2009, formed by land beneficiaries of the Land Redistribution for Agricultural Development in the KwaCele Area. The land that was previously farmed by commercial companies was consolidated under

The Trust to represent the interests of the claimant beneficiaries. The Trust is therefore a vehicle that owns the land currently valued at R92.4 million in total as per the March 2025 audited financial statement. The Trust is 100% owned by Nhlanguini community (Approximately 816 families), in turn The Trust has 100% shareholding in the operating companies, known as KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd, DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd, Sand and Stones Pty Ltd (currently dormant).

The main purpose of The Trust is to promote sustainable community development by managing and distributing community assets, such as profits generated from operating companies to the benefit of the local community specifically the households that are represented by the 816 beneficiaries. The main objectives of The Trust are noted in section 4 of the Trust Deed which will be published in the company website <https://kwacele.co.za/>

## B – Board of Trustees

The Trustees are appointed by the community using their powers as per the prescription of the Trust Deed that governs the running of the Trust. Rights and delegation of power to the Trustees by the community is noted in section 5 and 6 of the Trust Deed. Trustees have duties to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries with the care and skill of a professional, which includes managing assets, keeping records, and staying within The Trust's legal and deed-based powers.

Their liabilities arise from failing to meet these duties, potentially leading to personal liability

for losses, legal consequences like removal, and penalties. Key liabilities include negligence, conflicts of interest, and failing to separate trust assets from personal ones.

### (i) Duties of a trustee

**Act in the best interest of beneficiaries:** This is the primary duty and includes acting with the care, diligence, and skill of a reasonable professional.

**Manage The Trust assets:** Trustees must manage and control the trust's property, keep accurate financial records, and ensure trust assets are kept separate from personal assets.

**Adhere to The Trust deed:** Trustees must act strictly within the powers granted to them by the trust deed and cannot assume powers not granted.

### Maintain records and account to beneficiaries:

Trustees must keep accurate records, create financial accounts, and make them available to the Master of the High Court and beneficiaries when requested.

**Participate actively:** Each trustee must actively participate in the administration of the trust; one trustee cannot delegate their duties to another.

**Communicate with beneficiaries:** Trustees should keep beneficiaries informed about significant Trust matters.

**Seek professional advice:** Trustees should seek legal and other professional advice to ensure they fulfill their duties correctly, especially when dealing with complex matters.

### (ii) Liabilities of a trustee

**Personal liability for losses:** If a trustee is negligent or breaches their fiduciary duties, they can be held personally liable for any losses The Trust incurs.

**Removal from position:** The Master of the High Court can remove a trustee for failing to comply with statutory requirements and for negligence.

**Fines and penalties:** A trustee's non-compliance with statutory requirements can result in significant penalties.

**Liability for lack of communication:** Failing to keep beneficiaries informed can lead to personal liability.

**Liability for misuse of Trust assets:** Trustees are liable for any improper disposal, investment, or administration of trust property.

Current Trustees that are in office that were appointed officially by the Master of the High Court on the 15 July 2025 for a term that will end in 15 July 2030. This is the fourth Board of Trustees to be appointed since the establishment of the Trust in 2009.

## B - Board of Trustees



**Mr BC Cele (Chairperson)**  
A former school principal that has retired, born a leader humanitarian and philanthropist, with a heart that is for the service of the people, making him to be a suitable leader and chairperson of the people of KNCPT.



**Mr PP Cele (Deputy Chairperson)**  
A former police man that has retired, a very soft hearted and humble member of the community that is looked at as a solution to so many problems that are faced by the community, he is a symbol of public safety and order, preventing and responding to crime related issues in the community, a suitable leader for the people of KNCPT.



**SSPP Cele (Treasury)**  
Possess business related qualifications, with expertise in business management, a politician and a councilor, confirming his dedication around serving fellow humans.



**ST Dube (Secretary)**  
A PhD Candidate, a lecture at Mangosuthu University of Technology, a scientist with critical thinking capabilities who is able to challenge and question decisions that could compromise the interest of our community, a humanitarian at heart.



**TB Nzuza (Honorable Founder)**  
- A former Principal, a former chairperson of KNCPT, a visionary who fosters principles of inclusion, collaboration, and creativity, a strategic planner with abilities to navigate challenges and turn bold ideas into reality, a gift to the community of KNCPT.



**FN Maphumulo (Deputy Secretary)**  
a prayer warrior and intercessor, committed to praying fervently, consistently, and persistently for the community, for every meeting that is held, she opens up with prayer for Godly decisions to be taken for the community, a humanitarian at heart.



**Mrs TC Gumedede**  
An ambitious and dedicated woman who worked for the Department of Education for 39 years of hard work striving to change the lives of our society and community at large. She holds a Diploma in Education as well as Honors degree in Management. She is a humbly member of the board that is loved by all peers because of a harmonious spirit able to blend and communicate with people of diverse cultures and background, a former secretary of KNCPT.



**DN Dlamini**  
A former school teacher that has retired, a leader with a heart to service the people, a prayer warrior and a firm believer, making her to be a suitable leader in KNCPT as her values and morals are embedded in the Word of God.



**Mrs SG Chonco CA(SA), CD(SA)**  
A Chartered Accountant, Finance Executive, experienced business leader in the South African and International markets, a Pastor, a child of the soil, an advocate for the voiceless carrying the interest of the people at heart, a critical thinker, and a humanitarian, a leader in different milieus.



#### **BM Cele**

Inkosi YaKwaCele, an upholder of justice, a moral guide who ensures that wrongs are righted and equilibrium is restored within the Trust Board and community at large, an arbitrator for disputes that cannot be settled, a servant of the people and custodian of culture and tradition, he is also our symbol of unity, our Bayede and our blessing in land that we highly esteem.



The second Board of Trustees – 2014 Sitting: Inkosi BM. Cele, Mrs TC. Gumedede, Mrs KN. Ngema, Mr BW. Khuzwayo. Standing: Ms AN. Gumedede, Mr TB. Nzuza, Mr K. Dube, Mr S. Mhlongo, Mr SD. Mdluli, Mr PJ. Gumedede, Mr MJ. Biyela, Mr J. Mngoma



The third Board of Trustees – 2019 made up of Inkosi BM Cele, Mr BC Cele (Chairperson), Mr PP Cele (Deputy-Chairperson), Mrs TC Gumedede (Secretary), Mr SPP Cele (Treasurer), Ms N Maphumulo (Additional Member), Ms AN Gumedede (Additional Member), Mr TB Nzuza (Trustee Founder).

## Section D: Know your Business

### 4.1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Mr S Cele**  
Land – Legal Advisor specialising in Trusts & Companies Good Governance. He facilitates high value Land Reform community – private business partnerships. His past employers includes the Department of Land Affairs and the South African Sugar Association.



**Mr T Mdonswa**  
Lawyer and a CEO of the Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA) , a former Deputy land claims commissioner.



**Mr S Mzimela**  
An Applied Agricultural Economist, Business Development Specialist and a Sugar/ Forestry Industry Professional.



**Mrs SG Chonco**  
Chartered Accountant (SA), Chartered Director (SA), Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting, Bachelor Accountancy (Honours), Post Graduate Diploma in Business Administration, Masters of Business Administration (Chairperson of the Board of Directors)



**Mrs K Ngema**  
Diploma in Home Economics and Agriculture, Certificate in Project Management, Bachelor of Technology in Agricultural Management, Diploma in sustainable Agriculture (Chief Executive Officer)



**Mrs TC. Gumede**  
39 years of Experience in teaching and community work, Diploma in Education, Further Diploma in Education and Honours degree in Management.

## 4.2 OPERATIONAL REPORT BY MANAGEMENT

### 4.2.1 The Sugar Cane Business

The 2024-2025 season was rewarding and yet a significantly challenging one – not only for KwaCele Farming and associated companies but and to the South African sugar industry as a whole, but also for the country as a whole. The 2024/25 season overall sugarcane crop size was the lowest since the 2016/17 drought affected season. This was largely due to less favorable weather conditions, reduced replant rates, along with the negative impact of significant forced carryover cane that was harvested well beyond its maturity date. In addition, eldana continues to negatively impact cane yield and quality, and other biosecurity pressures remain a concern, such as the rise in orange rust, thrips and yellow sugarcane aphids which is experienced across the industry.



**Operational Statistics; Table 1**

Segment	Farm	2024/25			2023/24		
		HA	TONS	TONS/HA	HA	TONS	TONS/HA
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Sprinz	557,0	28 278,5	50,8	567,5	40 147,0	70,7
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Taurus	128,4	6 280,0	48,9	89,8	4 582,0	51,0
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Mt Albert	456,4	22 795,0	49,9	552,3	34 945,0	63,3
		<b>1 141,8</b>	<b>57 353,5</b>	<b>49,9</b>	<b>1 209,6</b>	<b>79 674,0</b>	<b>61,7</b>

**Operational Statistics; Table 2**

Segment	Farm	2024/25			2023/24		
		HA	TONS	TONS/HA	HA	TONS	TONS/HA
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Palmer (D)	128,0	7 706,0	60,2	34,8	1 593,0	45,8
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	B/hukwini ('E)	124,0	6 003,0	48,4	97,9	3 720,0	38,0
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Dawnview (G)	64,0	3 255,0	50,9	60,1	2 906,0	48,4
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Penrith (H)	135,0	6 964,0	51,6	171,1	8 168,0	47,7
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Victoria (I)	69,0	3 263,0	47,3	113,3	4 519,0	39,9
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Waterbosch (J)	10,0	439,0	43,9	25,0	1 380,0	55,2
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Khangala (K)	45,0	2 095,0	46,6	46,1	1 803,0	39,2
		<b>575,0</b>	<b>29 725,0</b>	<b>49,8</b>	<b>548,3</b>	<b>24 089,0</b>	<b>44,9</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1 716,8</b>	<b>87 078,5</b>	<b>50,7</b>	<b>1 757,9</b>	<b>103 763,0</b>	<b>59,0</b>

## Section D: Know your Business continued

### Operational Statistics;Variances

Segment	Farm	Variance			Variance %		
		HA	TONS	TONS/HA	HA	TONS	TONS/HA
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Sprinz	(10,5)	(11 868,5)	(20,0)	-2%	-30%	-28%
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Taurus	38,6	1 698,0	(2,1)	43%	37%	-4%
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Mt Albert	(95,9)	(12 150,0)	(13,3)	-17%	-35%	-21%
		<b>(67,8)</b>	<b>(22 320,5)</b>	<b>(11,8)</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>-28%</b>	<b>-19%</b>
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Palmer (D)	93,2	6 113,0	14,4	268%	384%	32%
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	B/hukwini ('E)	26,1	2 283,0	10,4	27%	61%	27%
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Dawnview (G)	3,9	349,0	2,5	6%	12%	5%
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Penrith (H)	(36,1)	(1 204,0)	3,8	-21%	-15%	8%
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Victoria (I)	(44,3)	(1 256,0)	7,4	-39%	-28%	19%
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Waterbosch (J)	(15,0)	(941,0)	(11,3)	-60%	-68%	-20%
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Khangala (K)	(1,0)	292,0	7,4	-2%	16%	19%
		<b>26,8</b>	<b>5 636,0</b>	<b>5,0</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>(41,0)</b>	<b>(16 684,5)</b>	<b>(8,3)</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-16%</b>	<b>-14%</b>

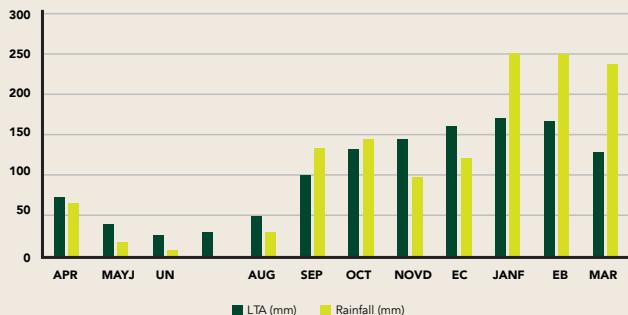
While the tonnage and the land harvested KPI's have declined when compared to the prior year the sugarcane quality, measured in Recoverable Value (RV) cane content, rose from 12.05% to 12.22%. The better cane quality also contributed to better milling recoveries, with the sugar crop size decreasing, relatively less, from 2.005m to 1.875m tons, the lowest for three seasons.

However, cane quality could have been better if the reduced cane crop size was known earlier in

the season. The sugar mills opened earlier than the norm in 2024/25.

### 1. Meteriological Information

For the 2024/25 season, we received rainfall of 1366mm against the long-term average (LTA) of 1234mm, and we were more than the long-term average by 132mm of rainfall. It was a very complicated season. We started with a very dry autumn, and we closed off the season with a high rainfall.



2024/25 Season Rainfall (mm)

## 2. Crop

The cane crop was not as good as we expected, mainly due to several reasons. Firstly, we overcut our crop in the 2023 season since there were a lot of uncertainties regarding Gledhow Sugar Mill. At the beginning of the season, we are not getting the rainfall figures that are in line with the long-term average. we experienced a massive flower initiation on the farm.

Flowering in sugarcane can negatively affect both cane yield and quality, thereby reducing Recoverable Value yield if harvesting is delayed for too long after flowering. The ages in months between the two seasons also have an impact on the difference in terms of the tonnage delivered to the Mil.



Segment	Farm	2024/25	2023/24
		Av. Ages	Av. Ages
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Sprinz	14,4	19,6
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Taurus	17,0	22,0
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Mt Albert	13,1	18,8
		<b>14,8</b>	<b>20,1</b>
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Palmer (D)	11,6	26,7
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	B/hukwini ('E)	12,9	23,0
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Dawnview (G)	15,5	27,4
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Penrith (H)	14,6	24,0
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Victoria (I)	16,2	28,8
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Waterbosch (J)	15,5	19,9
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Khangala (K)	15,1	17,4
		<b>14,5</b>	<b>23,9</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>14,7</b>	<b>22,0</b>

Segment	Farm	Variance
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Sprinz	(5,2)
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Taurus	(5,0)
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Mt Albert	(5,7)
		<b>(5,3)</b>
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Palmer (D)	(15,1)
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	B/hukwini ('E)	(10,1)
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Dawnview (G)	(11,9)
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Penrith (H)	(9,4)
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Victoria (I)	(12,6)
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Waterbosch (J)	(4,4)
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	Khangala (K)	(2,3)
		<b>(9,4)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>(7,4)</b>

The age of sugar cane that was delivered in 2024/25 year decreased by 7.4 months when compared to the cane that was on average 22 months in 2023/24 season to 14.7 months in 2024/25.

### 3. Land Preparation and Planting

Segment	Farm	2024/25			2023/24		
		Commercial Fields	HWT Seedbed Fields	Total	Commercial Fields	HWT Seedbed Fields	Total
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Sprinz	54,2	8,4	<b>62,6</b>	68,9	6,0	<b>74,9</b>
KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	Mt Alberta and Taurus	57,3	10,0	<b>67,3</b>	52,0	-	<b>52,0</b>
DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd	All	51,8	10,0	<b>61,8</b>	51,8	-	<b>51,8</b>
		163,3	28,4	<b>191,7</b>	172,7	6,0	<b>178,7</b>

Our Original plan was to plant 163.3 HA in 2025/25 season for both KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd and DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd, however stimulated by a subsidy that was received from the Gledhow Mill, which was allocated to us to assist us with the plantation of seed cane; we had to adjust our planting program to 191.7 HA.

For the 2023/24 season, we sold approximately 2 000 tons of certified and approved seedcane through Gledhow Seedcane Subsidy to the growers.



#### b. Herbicide

The chemical weed control operation went very well, even though in some of the other farms we were below the budget, while in other parts of the farms we had some savings.

We sprayed 601,5HA against a seasonal plan of 656,5HA for DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd; we had 55HA, which was not sprayed since the fields were clean.

For the KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd operations we sprayed an area of 1 906,3HA against an original budget of 2 158,9HA. There were some fields that were budgeted to be sprayed twice, but ended up being sprayed with a single application.

Noting that chemical weed control is effective when the soil is moist which makes the area sprayed at the beginning of the season, then requires a second spray.



#### a. Weeding

The weeding operation went very well last year, and the fields are very clean in the farm overall.

Our Seasonal plan was budgeted at 1025,4 HA for DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd and 2 404,2HA for KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd due to the fact that we were planning to weed each field twice on ratoon and single weeding on the planting field however we ended up weeding 624,3HA for DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd and 1 972,5HA for KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd.



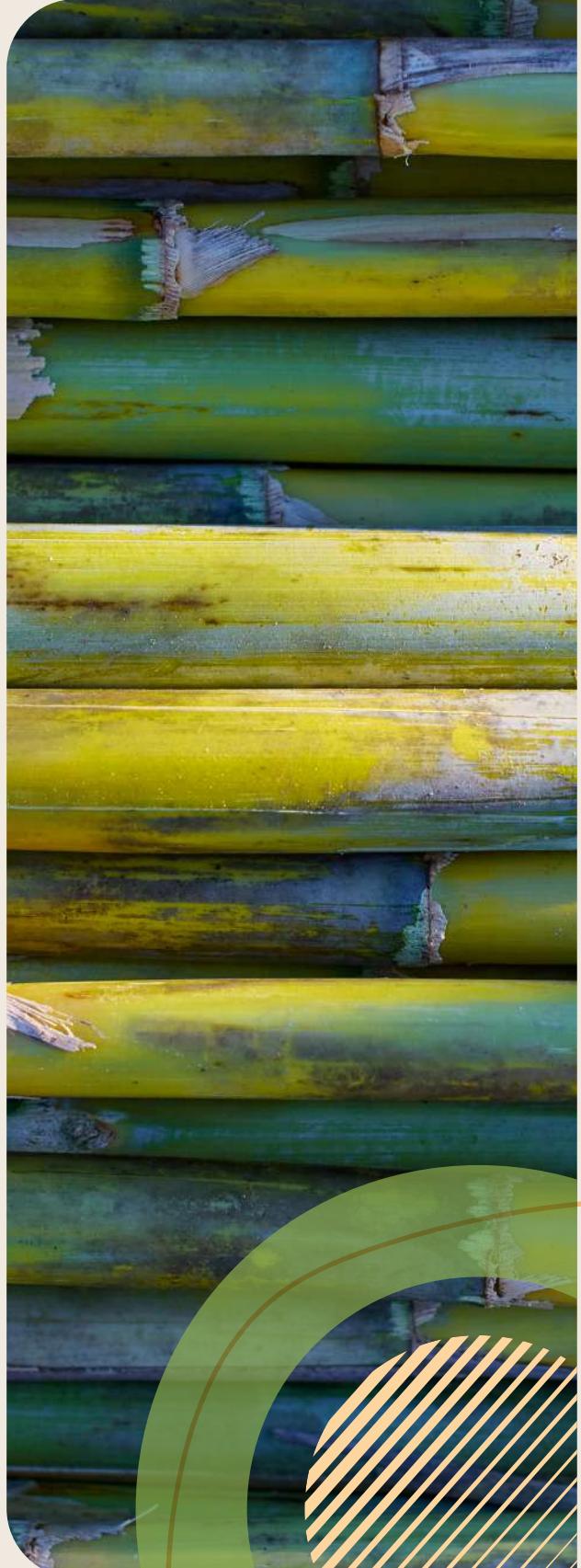
### c. Fertilizer

For the DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd operations the fertilizer operation went accordingly, we were applying 14ha per day, and we managed to finish by the end of January.

We started practicing the split application of fertilizer last year, and we applied it in September and the second application in December. The seasonal plan for fertilizer operation was 628,5HA and we managed to stick to the plan.

While in KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd the fertilizer application went very well. The plan was to complete operation before we closed for December, and we managed to achieve that plan.

The variance of 77,9 HA is the area that we were cutting seedcane on, which was not budgeted.



## 4.2.2 Other Business Segments

### BANANAS

#### 1. Crop

Our crop for the 2024 season was very good compared to the other years; we are slowly improving. The improvement is mainly due to the fact that the average age on the farm is now 12 years. The replanting that has been happening over the years we are now seeing the benefits.

At the beginning of the season for 2024, we started with a very dry weather. After that, we started receiving so rainfall that was above the long-term average, which had a good impact on our yields. By installing an irrigation system, we will be able to double the production we are getting currently.

The irrigation system requires a cash investment of approximately R2.5m, management is negotiating with funders for the finance assistance that will increase production and double revenue and profits in this segment.



#### 2. Harvesting



The table below shows the sales for the 2024 season and the budget for the 2025 season

	2025/25	2023/24 sales
Boxes	<b>30900</b>	26073
Kgs	<b>618000</b>	521460
Price per Box	<b>R133,67</b>	R113,29
Price per Kg	<b>R6,68</b>	R5,66

#### 3. Land Preparation and Planting

Last year, 5 hectares were planted, and an additional 1 hectare was planted in July to complete the field and fill the gaps.

The plants were growing well until winter arrived, which impeded their growth. The plants appear unhealthy with slow growth due to the drought; however, we have applied Root Boost, a liquid fertilizer, to reduce stress and encourage root growth.

#### 4. Ratoon Management and Field Maintenance

##### Weed control.

Weeds have been sprayed on the ratoon fields. Will start hand weeding in the plant field because herbicide is not recommended at this stage, as it is only 2 months old.

## Bunch covering

This operation is monthly because it goes hand in hand with the harvesting. The bunch gets harvested after 3 months from the covering.



## Desuckering

We remove suckers heavily during the spring and summer, and in winter, this operation gets reduced since there is not much growth happening in winter, because we are not irrigating, we require an investment of approximately R2.5m to invest in the irrigation system.

## Fertilizer Application

This operation went very well for the season. The application of fertiliser was done every month except for the months of June and July, since it was very dry.



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### 1. Bearing Trees

The farm has established 38.5HA of new crop on top of 1.5HA of too old trees that were already existing. The newly established trees are 1 to 3.5 years old and are expected to start bearing nuts next year when they reach 4 years old.

We have been harvesting from these old trees, which have not been yielding much due to their age and the neglect they suffered for a long period of time from the previous farm owner till 2019, when we started rehabilitating them.

Currently, the farm harvests almost a ton of nuts per year from these older trees



### 2. Harvesting

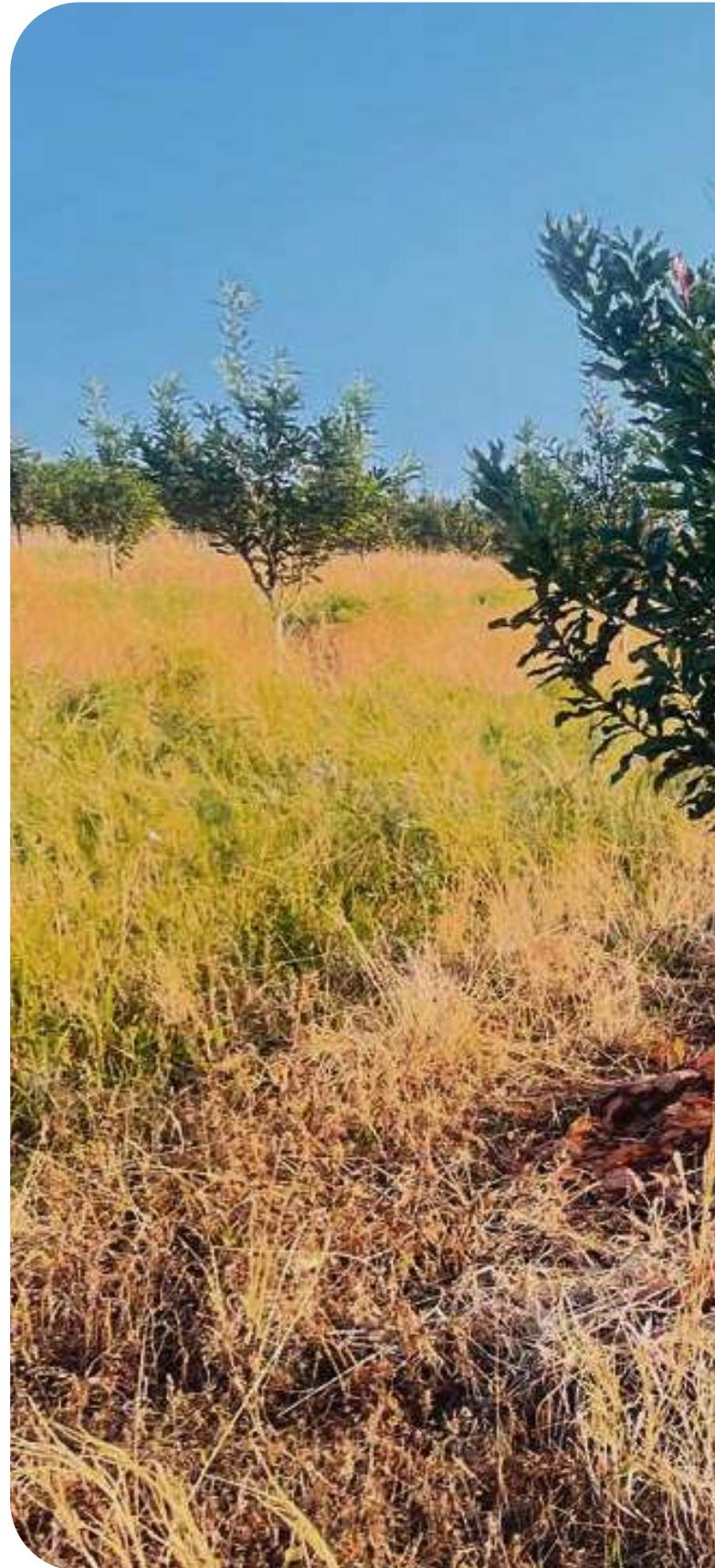
The table below shows the kilograms delivered each season from 2021 to 2025

YEAR	Kg Delivered	Payment
2021	893.9 kg	<b>R59 192.66</b>
2022	1051.5 kg	<b>R81 794.50</b>
2023	949.7 kg	<b>R49 660.48</b>
2024	919.4 kg	<b>R55 687.30</b>
2025	655 kg	<b>R46 969.65</b>

### 3. Non-producing trees

Non-bearing trees are showing signs of stress by the slow growth, likely caused by dry condition since we are coming into winter. We are actively managing weed control, mulching, and using a gyromower. Fertiliser has been ordered, and applications will start soon as the rains have begun. We will be using calcium nitrate, potassium nitrate, magnesium sulfate, MAP, and various foliar fertilizers to provide micronutrients. Additionally, we will be doing tree painting on all trees to prevent Phytophthora diseases.

At the beginning of the season for 2024, we started with a very dry weather. After that, we started receiving so rainfall that was above the long-term average, which had a good impact on our yields. By installing an irrigation system, we will be able to double the production we are getting currently. The irrigation system requires a cash investment of approximately R2.5m, management is negotiating with funders for the finance assistance that will increase production and double revenue and profits in this segment. The company has developed 40 hectares and is now focusing on investing in the necessary equipment for operations. It has started with the purchase of the cab tractor, which is suitable for spraying the orchard, providing protection for the driver against chemical exposure during spraying. Once the trees reach the production stage, a tractor-drawn mist blower sprayer will be needed, as well as a mulching slasher.





## Section E: Financial Information

### Financial Performance - KwaCele Farming value chain (Umhloromulo)

Year	Revenue		Consolidated	Proceeds to the Trust		
	KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd		KwaCele Farming at 10%	DGK Trio at 6.5%	Consolidated
2020	R35 744 239	R12 835 479	R48 579 718	R3 574 424	R834 306	R4 408 730
2021	R42 291 476	R20 593 264	R62 884 740	R4 229 148	R1 338 562	R5 567 710
2022	R38 320 381	R18 812 230	R57 132 611	R3 832 038	R1 222 795	R5 054 833
2023	R37 361 787	R15 289 456	R52 651 243	R3 736 179	R993 815	R4 729 993
2024	R68 501 505	R33 096 304	R101 597 809	R6 850 151	R2 151 260	R9 001 410
2025	R53 638 354	R25 678 403	R79 316 757	R5 363 835	R1 669 096	R7 032 932
	<b>R275 857 742</b>	<b>R126 305 136</b>	<b>R402 162 878</b>	<b>R27 585 774</b>	<b>R8 209 834</b>	<b>R35 795 608</b>

Year	Distributed by the Trust to the benefi- ciaries*	Profit After Tax		Consolidated	Net Margin
		KwaCele Farming Pty Ltd	DGK Trio Holdings Pty Ltd		
2020	<b>R3 952 288</b>	-R2 392 284	R5 037 427	R2 645 143	5%
2021	<b>R3 424 796</b>	R3 747 521	R413 479	R4 161 000	7%
2022	<b>R2 804 902</b>	-R2 050 788	-R1 090 605	-R3 141 393	-5%
2023	<b>R3 900 000</b>	R2 255 365	-R2 037 310	R218 055	0%
2024	<b>R7 108 000</b>	R11 440 088	R5 360 105	R16 800 193	17%
2025	<b>R6 532 080</b>	R2 843 224	R4 581 459	R7 424 683	9%
	<b>R27 722 066</b>	<b>R15 843 126</b>	<b>R12 264 555</b>	<b>R28 107 681</b>	7%

\* These are estimates, they are not verified by the auditors

1. Revenue declined in the from R102m in 2024 to R79m in 2025, a 22% decline year on year
2. Proceeds collected by the Trust declined from R9m in 2024 to R7m in 2025, a 22% decline year on year in line with the decline in the revenue generated by the companies
3. The decline in the revenue collected by the companies is driven by a decline in the tons of sugar can sold in 2025 when compared to 2024, see below the operational stats

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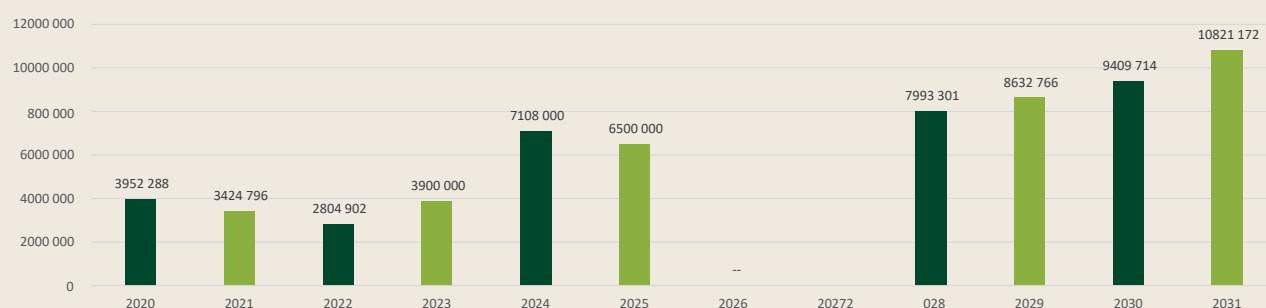
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Year	Per Beneficiary	Approx no of beneficiaries	Approx Paid to the Community	Value of the Land	Rate of Return
2020	5 489	720	3 952 288	92 461 792	4,3%
2021	4 757	720	3 424 796	92 461 792	3,7%
2022	3 896	720	2 804 902	92 461 792	3,0%
2023	5 000	780	3 900 000	92 461 792	4,2%
2024	8 885	800	7 108 000	92 461 792	7,7%
2025	8 005	816	6 532 080	92 461 792	7,1%
2026			-		
2027			-		
2028	9 796	816	7 993 301	92 461 792	8,6%
2029	10 579	816	8 632 766	92 461 792	9,3%
2030	11 532	816	9 409 714	92 461 792	10,2%
2031	13 261	816	10 821 172	92 461 792	11,7%
			<b>64 579 019</b>	<b>92 461 792</b>	<b>69,8%</b>

### Per Beneficiary



### Approximate paid to the Community



# Words from the Author

Dear beneficiaries of KwaCele Farming value chain,

I am a newly appointed Trustee, I got to be elected as the Chairperson of the board of KwaCele Farming companies shortly after. I am delighted to present to you this Annual Report, 1st of many to come. I have put in so many hours capturing and putting pieces of information together for you to absorb and reflect on, my reasons for this are as follows:

1. Preservation of History - history will serve as the heritage for future generations and will in turn provide a safeguard against those who may attempt to distort facts in the future for their own benefits.
2. They say knowledge is power - I will like to empower my community with knowledge, learn more about your own investment.
3. Increase stakeholder engagement - I personally believe that engagements are important, it takes away frustrations and allow for better solutions to be explored.
4. Maintain transparency and increase accountability by those who are leading at the forefront to the community who are the real owners of the value chain.
5. Attract funders for further developments in the community, a properly governed environment is attractive to investors, by this we can stimulate the economy of the land, create jobs and alleviate poverty.
6. Create a platform that can be used for advertising and promotion of small businesses in the land, I have not included any advertising in this report, however going forward I will give an opportunity for registered and legitimate businesses to be advertised on this platform for publication.

In my heart it is clear, the vision is to take the KwaCele Farming value chain to better horizons. We must defend what black people are capable of doing, in an era where it is known that all black ran empires collapse because of corruption and greed our story must be different. It must be that of which can be used as a reference of black excellency throughout the country.

A story that says the government invested just over R100m in the redistribution of land, in the hands of selfless and ethical leaders it was turned into an investment worth billions of Rands. By doing so we will restore dignity and rebrand a tarnished name of blackness, which is a brand that our next generation can inherit from us.

Our founders laid a good foundation for us and we will forever be grateful to God who used them to unlock wealth that most probably would have remained uncovered in the absentia of their perseverance and tenacity. I personally don't think I have esteemed the founders well enough for what they did, Siyabonga bobaba bethu, mkhulu umsebenzi enawenzayo.

I believe God who created heavens and earth for wisdom upon us, the current leaders, to expand and multiply that which has been entrusted to the people of KwaCele and eradicate poverty altogether in the land of our forefathers.

Kind Regards,



Sinenhlanhla MaBiyela Chonco (The Author)  
22 November 2025



## **Our farming goals are at the heart of the community.**

The KwaCele-Nhlangwini group main aim is to enhance productivity, sustainability, and profitability by ensuring high-quality farm products, maintaining year-round sugarcane and banana production, delivering reliably and professionally, and generating dividends for the KwaCele-Nhlangwini Communal Property Trust shareholders.



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