

A Glimpse of the Last Few Months at Abagold

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Amaza 5

In our previous newsletter we told you a bit about the new Amaza 5 development; the first phase of the Amaza Farm was completed in 2006, and Phase 5 of the development commenced in June 2010. Our Technical team has been very busy since then, completing the new platform which hosts a fully operational farm.



Simphiwe and his team laying the first bricks of the retaining wall



The retaining wall seen from the top of the platform



The 2m wide retaining wall completed - reaching heights of up to 12 metres in places



The completed section of Amaza 5

AGM and Open Day

On the 16th of December 2010, Abagold hosted its Annual General Meeting and Open Day. Shareholders and their guests were treated to a day of farm tours and a taste of our sought-after product. After 15 years as Chairman, Mr Johannes Hamman stepped down and Mr Hennie van der Merwe was elected Abagold's new Chairman. Mr Hamman remains on the board as a director.



Left: Mr Hamman at the AGM in 2001, Right: AGM 2009



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Grotto Braai

The Technical Team faces daily challenges such as new installations, expansions, upgrades, maintenance and deadlines, often working extra hours and giving their all with projects benefitting Abagold's production. After a long year of hard work the whole team got rewarded with a fun day at the beach braaiing and playing soccer.



The Technical Team at Grotto Beach

HACCP Accreditation

Obtaining HACCP certification was one of the Processing Facility's highlights during 2010. This certification was issued by SGS, the world's leading certification company, and is valid for 3 years. HACCP is currently documented as the global certification standard for food safety and quality, utilising a systematic and preventive approach. As part of the certification process all the factory employees underwent training in HACCP principles and food safety. These employees were presented with their certificates during a formal function held on Friday 26 November 2010.



The proud staff members of our processing facility with their HACCP flag in the background



Christo du Plessis (MD), Michael Dunsdon (Factory Manager), Werner Piek (Processing Manager)

House of Many Blessings

Abagold became involved with Izibusiso (House of Many Blessings) foster home for babies and toddlers, after becoming aware of the good work being done there. Izibusiso is a partnership between the Overstrand Municipality, Hermanus Child Welfare and the United Church and operates from a house in Zwelihle where up to eight babies and toddlers up to the age of three years are cared for by the House

Mother, Phumsa Nynlela and her assistants. They are fully dependant on donations. As a continuing support effort from Abagold towards Izibusiso, we went shopping for a some clothing for the little ones. During their visit to Izibusiso to hand out the newly acquired purchases and to meet some of the recipients thereof, Christo du Plessis, Abagold's Managing Director, and Glenda Furst from Izibusiso discussed the various financial challenges that Izibusiso faces, especially during the winter months when the home battles to keep up with the mounting costs of caring for small children, such as electricity bills. Christo there and then pledged continuous involvement in the home in by paying Izibusiso's monthly electricity bill.



House Mother, Phumsa, opening one of the packages



From left to right: Chane de Goede, Tracey Giles, Phumsa Nynlela, Christo du Plessis and Glenda Furst



Abagold's Chane (Left) and Tracey (Right) playing with one of the little ones