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The AgriBEE Steering Committee (SC) finalises the Sector Transformation Charter

PRETORIA – The AgriBEE Steering Committee (SC) has met today to iron out outstanding matters in the Charter document that were pointed out by the Minister of Trade and Industry before gazetting. The meeting agreed on the following issues and on how to take them forward.

1. In the interim, the Small Medium and Micro Enterprises will be evaluated on R5m threshold per annum subject to changes as and when research and sub sector inputs information are made available
2. Ownership, the Equity at 25 plus one percent and land ownership at 30% by 2014 as stipulated by government policy
3. To retain the 10% allocation of land use for household needs by farm workers as was recommended by the SC as a flexible approach in its earlier submission to the Minister of Agriculture and Land Affairs
4. With regard to the 85% spent on core and critical skills, the meeting noted the difficulties related to the definitions and measurements within the complexities of the agricultural sector. It is agreed that the sub sectors will include definitions in their inputs to the codes work.

The process of five years of drafting the Charter is now nearing completion and the committee is satisfied that there was sufficient consultation and debate. Upon gazetting of the Charter agreed to by *the dti*, the Steering Committee has recommended to the Minister for Agriculture and Land Affairs that the stakeholders gather for the launch of the Charter. It is estimated that within the next three months, the process of finalising and gazetting the Section 12 Transformation Charter will be finalised. The meeting also acknowledged the Transvaal Agriculture Union's reservations on moving forward without the impact studies and these concerns are being addressed.

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