



# SONOP NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2022

## NEWS OF THE MONTH

Sonop is looking forward for the new year's harvesting season to start. It's a new season with new challenges but also opportunities. Sonop will seize every opportunity, doing our best to manage this for the best outcome. We know that every challenge can be overcome through adapting, teamwork, and Grace from God.

One of the ongoing challenges this year is the grasshoppers. While the vegetable teams were planting in January, grasshoppers destroyed some of the seedlings but with great teamwork Sonop were able to plant tomatoes again. The tomato plants are healthy and growing strong. We are looking forward to start harvesting the first tomatoes at Sonop in April.



Our pepper team finished planting peppers in March in the net-houses and harvesting should begin in May. We hope that this new season will be just as fruitful as last year. Butternut seeds were also planted and the first green leaves will be visible shortly.

One of the opportunities this season is the new development at Kieta. At Makalane and Kieta the soil and orchards are being prepared for vegetable and grape plantings. Some of the tomatoes are already being planted and from March onwards the grape team are busy with the laying of the irrigation for the orchards.



**FUN FACT:** To establish 15ha of grapes at Makalane, 23 530 poles will be needed.

Continuing in April the grape team will be busy sowing cover crops in the established vineyards. Cover crops is used to slow erosion, improve soil health and help control weeds, pests, and diseases.

In March Sonop launched a new diesel program. This is an electronic system and will be replacing the paperwork that is currently in use. As per Sonop's strategy we are very excited to use technology to increase our efficiency and this online system will ensure more accurate capturing of data. This system enables the office and management to look at the data captured at any given time, making the processing and management much easier and on time.

**We want to thank the whole Sonop team for your hard work and perseverance through the planting season and wish you all fruitful harvest season ahead.**



### Find 4 Differences



**Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you, therefore He will rise up to show you compassion. Isaiah 30:18**



# TRAINING @ SONOP

During February Willem Prinsloo from Wido empowered some employees from all the different Sonop teams with Health and Safety, First aid and Firefighting training.



With the growing numbers of employees at Sonop, this training is vital to our operations and the wellbeing of all at Sonop.

The First Aid trainees were not only trained to attend to minor injuries, but they also had to practice on a dummy to demonstrate how you administered CPR on a patient until medical services arrive. The Firefighting training consist of, how to prevent a fire to how to extinguish it. Trainees were given the opportunity to use the fire extinguishers and to feel what the powder inside the canister feels like.

Health & Safety training consisted mainly of how employees together with Management can take control of safety challenges in the workplace. This can be established by preventing rather than waiting for an accident to happen. It is with the help of the Health and Safety team that we at Sonop can work in a safe environment.

**Congratulations to all trainees for successfully completing the courses.**

## GET TO KNOW REINOLD MWENGO



**Place of birth:** Rundu

**Favourite food:** Pap & Vleis

**Favourite colour:** Grey

**When did you start working at Sonop?** 06.06.2021

**Position at Sonop?** Volvo Truck driver

**Your Favourite Sonop produce?** Cherry Tomato

**Who is your role model in the Sonop team?** Albert vd Merwe and Christopher Holtzhausen

**Your wish for Sonop Farms:** To be the best international vegetable producer and may Sonop have a successful season.

**What motivate you to work harder:** To deliver my load on time and to achieve my dreams.

## SONOP LOGISTICS

The branding of the tautliner's new tailboard is a highlight and a privilege during the month of March for Sonop. Jimmy (beter known as Oewaboy)

### CONGRATULATIONS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



**ALBERTINA HENGHALI  
STAMPRIET—PEPPER TEAM**  
Thank you for your hard work.  
We are very proud of you.

and the rest of the logistics team is exited to deliver the Sonop product to all our loyal customers.

**May this tauliner provide many safe  
kilos and loads for each driver.**



## BIRTHDAYS

LYDIA CLOETE	04 APRIL
CHRIS HOLTZHAUSEN	12 APRIL
MORGAN VAN DER MERWE	16 APRIL
LOUIS LE GRANGE	24 APRIL
DANIKA VAN DER MERWE	24 APRIL

