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INTRODUCTION

The release of bread wheat cultivars is an attempt to provide the wheat industry with new cultivars that perform well agronomically and possess suitable milling, rheological and baking characteristics.

Analytical procedures and release norms are compiled in conjunction with wheat breeders, millers, and bakers to ensure market-directed and quality-driven wheat production in the interest of wheat producers and processors.

Release norms use cultivars as biological quality standards to provide a frame of reference against which new breeding lines are evaluated. Only cultivars that are successfully grown commercially and possess acceptable agronomical and quality characteristics may be considered as biological quality standards.

As the breeding of wheat with the suitable quality characteristics is a long-term project, release norms and quality standards are provided to breeders to provide them with guidelines that should stand the test of time. Changing the release norms and establishing new quality standards are for this reason thoroughly investigated and carefully considered to ensure that the long-term goals of breeding programs are achieved.

1. WHEAT GRADING SYSTEM

The latest regulation with regards to the Grading, Packing and Marking of Bread Wheat intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa was published in the Government Gazette on the 29th of January 2016 (Government Notice No. R. 64).

Provision is made for two classes – Bread Wheat and Other Wheat.

The grades for Bread Wheat are Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4 and Utility grade.

No grades are determined for Class Other Wheat.

2. CULTIVARS AS BIOLOGICAL STANDARDS

The effect of the climate, rainfall, environmental interaction, cultivation practices and other factors on wheat quality makes the use of fixed criteria or norms for release purposes impractical.

For this reason, cultivars are used as biological quality standards and acceptable deviations from the standard are established as release norms. It is important that the agronomical performance and yield potential of the chosen quality standard is comparable with those of the breeders' lines, as lower yields in some quality standards are often connected to higher protein content. Large differences in the protein content of breeders' lines and the quality standard cause deviations, especially in rheological analysis results, which complicates the interpretation and evaluation of breeders' lines.

The following cultivars represent the quality standards against which wheat breeders' lines are evaluated:

Dry land Northern (Summer rainfall) areas: Elands

Dry land Southern (Winter rainfall) areas: SST 027*

Irrigation areas: SST 806

2.1 CRITERIA AND PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF A NEW BIOLOGICAL QUALITY STANDARD FOR A SPECIFIC PRODUCTION AREA

When a cultivar selected as biological quality standard for a specific production area is no longer available for commercial planting or when the cultivar's quality is no longer acceptable or suitable, a new quality standard has to be selected. Wheat Breeding companies and/or industry can propose an existing cultivar to be evaluated as quality standard.

The cultivar first and foremost has to comply with the criteria already mentioned.

Additional quality data of a minimum of two (2) years' from at least five (5) localities per annum is required for consideration as quality standard. The samples are to be submitted to the SAGL for analysis as per the list of tests in the quality guidelines (Section 4). The cost for these analyses is to be invoiced to the Wheat Forum (Resolutions under point 9.2 Selection of New Standard Cultivars for Cape & Winter Rainfall Regions of the minutes of the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting held on 19 April 2018).

3. BACKCROSSES AND HYBRIDS

Backcross parents are not accepted as quality standards. The most important reasons for this are that the backcross parent may not have the desired quality characteristics on the one hand, and on the other the number of backcrosses and selection pressure may result in the original quality not being regained.

The evaluation process in the case of backcrosses and hybrids is the same as for ordinary cultivars.

4. GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE DEVIATIONS

4.1 GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE DEVIATIONS FROM THE STANDARD FOR BREAD WHEAT LINES

The quality norms for release are categorized in primary (P) and secondary (S) quality norms. The quality of new lines is judged by the primary criteria which is non-negotiable. In borderline cases a decisive answer is obtained by referring to secondary norms. Only red cultivars with medium hard to hard morphological characteristics will be allowed in the class.

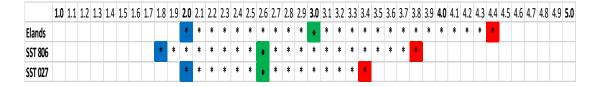
	TEST	CATEGORY	DEVIATION
	HLM, kg/hl (clean)	Р	-1.8 units
	1000 kernel mass, g	S	\pm 4g
*1	Falling number, sec.	Р	- 15%
	Protein (12 % mb)	Р	- 1%
	Extraction, %	Р	- 1.5%

^{*}Notice was given in 2017 by Sensako that seed for SST 027 will no longer be commercially available and that an alternative cultivar should be identified to replace SST 027 as biological standard in the dry land Southern production areas.

	Break flour yield, %	S	± 5%
*2	Kent Jones Colour (C76), KJ	Р	+ 1.0 unit
	MIXOGRAPH		
*3	Peak time, min.	Р	See tolerance i.r.o standards
	FARINOGRAPH		
	Absorption (14% mb), %	Р	± 2.5%
	Development time, min.	S	± 25%
	Stability, min.	S	+ 10% to - 30%
	ALVEOGRAPH		
	Strength, cm ²	Р	± 20%
	Stability, mm	S	± 20%
	Distensibility, mm	S	- 10% to + 20%
	P/L value	Р	± 25%
	BAKING TEST 100g		
*4	Corrected volume, cm ³	Р	- 10%
	Dough characteristics	Р	None (Normal only)

Notes:

The diagram below shows that the mixing characteristics of standards vary and that the acceptable deviations should be adjusted accordingly. Elands displays strong rheological and relatively long mixing characteristics, whilst SST 806 and especially SST 027 display shorter peak times.

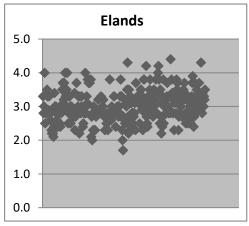


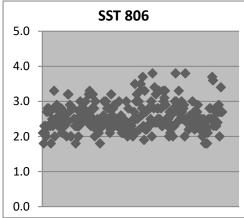
	Average	Minimum	Maximum	
Elands	3.0	2.0	4.4	(n = 327)
SST 806	2.6	1.8	3.8	(n = 273)
SST 027	2.6	2.0	3.4	(n = 48)

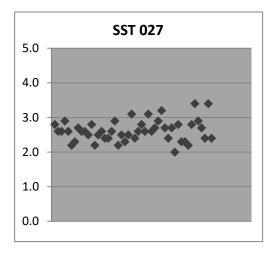
^{*1} Falling number values should exceed 220 seconds and may not be more than 15% lower than that of the quality standard.

Kent Jones Colour is corrected to 76% extraction on the basis of 0.4 KJ units per 1% extraction. E.g. If a line has an extraction to the value of 77%, 0.4 KJ will be subtracted from the line's colour value. Should the line's extraction be 75%, 0.4 KJ will be added to the line's colour value.

If the mixograph peak time spectrum of the bread wheat standards is represented graphically, the relative differences in peak time are noticeable.







Guidelines and acceptable deviations from the quality standard in respect of the mixograph peak times are therefore set as follows:

CULTIVAR TOLERANCE IN RESPECT OF MIXOGRAPH PEAK TIME

ELANDS + 15% to - 25% SST 806 + 35% to - 10% SST 027 + 35% to - 10%

Bread volume is evaluated against the protein level of the line. A factor of 40 cm³ per 1% protein difference is used to adjust the bread volume of the line against the standard. E.g. If a line has a protein content of 11.0% and the standard has a protein content of 12.0%, 40 cm³ will be added to the line's bread volume and vice versa. The current salt (NaCl) level used in the standard 100 g bread recipe is 1.5%.

Key for the evaluation characteristic of the 100 g Baking test:

- 0 Excellent
- 1 Very Good
- 2 Good
- 3 Questionable
- 4 Poor
- 5 Very Poor
- 6 Extremely Poor

This 100 g baking test evaluation does not provide an indication of the baking quality of the flour per se, but refers to the relationship between the protein content and the bread volume. EXTENSIGRAPH

In cases where supplementary information is needed, Extensigraph data can be requested.

KONICA MINOLTA COLOUR RESULTS

The Konica Minolta Spectrophotometer CM-5 (instrument settings for 10° observer and D65 illuminant) colour analysis has been included in the quality analyses since the 2013/2014 season.

Colour coordinates reported:

- L* measures lightness and varies from 100 for perfect white to zero for black
- a* represents green to red variation
- b* represents blue to yellow variation

No evaluation criteria for this analysis have been established yet.

4.2 GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTABLE DEVIATIONS FROM THE STANDARD FOR *HIGH-YIELDING*BREAD WHEAT LINES

During a special meeting of the Research Technical Committee for Wheat of the Winter Cereal Trust held on 15 January 2016, a set of proposed amendments that needs be made to the criteria currently set for the release of bread wheat lines was discussed. There was consensus among all the role players present at the meeting that if the minimum and maximum values of the criteria used to release bread wheat lines are widened to accommodate higher-yielding lines, the yield gain of such lines must be significant. The committee decided that all such lines must yield **at least 5% more** than current commercial bread wheat cultivars.

The relaxed wheat cultivar release criteria for high-yielding lines was thus adopted into this document (Resolution under point 9.1 Relaxed Wheat Cultivar Release Criteria of the minutes of the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting held on 19 April 2018).

Please refer to **ANNEXURE A** – Yield determination protocol for high yielding lines.

TEST	CATEGORY	DEVIATION
Yield, t/ha	Р	+ 5%
HLM, kg/hl (clean)	Р	-2.0 units
1000 kernel mass, g	S	\pm 4g
Falling number, sec.	Р	- 15%
Protein (12% mb)	Р	- 2.5%
Extraction, %	Р	- 2.0%
Break flour yield, %	S	± 5%
Kent Jones Colour (C76), KJ	Р	+ 1.5 units
MIXOGRAPH		
Peak time, min.	Р	
ELANDS		+ 15% to - 25%
SST 806		+ 35% to - 10%
	Yield, t/ha HLM, kg/hl (clean) 1000 kernel mass, g Falling number, sec. Protein (12% mb) Extraction, % Break flour yield, % Kent Jones Colour (C76), KJ MIXOGRAPH Peak time, min. ELANDS	Yield, t/ha P HLM, kg/hl (clean) P 1000 kernel mass, g S Falling number, sec. P Protein (12% mb) P Extraction, % P Break flour yield, % S Kent Jones Colour (C76), KJ P MIXOGRAPH Peak time, min. P ELANDS

	SST 027		+ 50% to - 5%
	FARINOGRAPH		
	Absorption (14% mb), %	Р	\pm 3.0%
	Development time, min.	S	± 25%
	Stability, min.	S	+ 10% to - 30%
	ALVEOGRAPH		
	Strength, cm ²	Р	± 20%
	Stability, mm	S	± 20%
	Distensibility, mm	S	± 20%
	P/L value	Р	+ 40% to -25% (Southern areas)
	P/L value	Р	+ 30% to -25% (Other areas)
	BAKING TEST 100g		
*4	Corrected volume, cm ³	Р	- 20%
	Dough characteristics	Р	None (Normal only)

See notes under Section 4.1

5. ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST YEAR, PROVISIONAL AND FINAL RELEASE

The analyses required for first year, provisional and final release are conducted by the Southern African Grain Laboratory (SAGL).

Provisional and final release analysis consist of hectolitre mass (HLM), thousand kernel mass (TKM), vitreous kernels (VK), falling number (FN) on whole wheat flour (WW), milling on a Bühler MLU 202 mill reporting break flour yield (BFY) and extraction (EX) values, colour (Kent Jones (KJ) and Konica Minolta (L*a*b*)), protein on WW and flour (FL) as well as mixograph, farinograph, alveograph, consistograph and 100g baking test analyses.

First year release analysis consists of all the above except TKM and consistograph analyses.

Cultivars that passed the evaluation process as described in the most recent version of 'Analysis Procedure and Evaluation Norms for the Release of Bread Wheat Breeders' lines for the RSA', will be listed on the Wheat Forum Cultivar List as published on the SAGL website. Please refer to Annexures B and C.

5.1 Dry land Northern and Southern production regions

A minimum of two (2) years' analysed data from at least five (5) localities per annum is required for provisional release. If there is any doubt about any of the quality aspects, provisional release is postponed.

For final release, three (3) years' data from a minimum of five (5) localities per annum is required.

If doubt or concerns exist with regards to any of the quality aspects of a line, a fourth year's data can be requested by the Committee.

5.2 IRRIGATION PRODUCTION REGIONS

One (1) year's analysed data from at least five (5) localities is required for provisional release. These samples will be indicated as 'First year Provisional' for unique identification purposes.

If there is any doubt about any of the quality aspects, provisional release is postponed.

For final release, two (2) years' data from a minimum of five (5) localities per annum is required. These samples will be indicated as 'Second year Final' for unique identification purposes.

The analysis conducted on the First year Provisional - and Second year Final samples, will be the same as for Provisional and Final release, mentioned under point 5 on page 7.

If doubt or concerns exist with regards to any of the quality aspects of a line, a third year's data can be requested by the Committee.

Implementation of this criteria will commence in the 2018/2019 production season.

Refer to Resolutions under point 9.2 Classification of Cultivars for Irrigation Areas of the minutes of the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting held on 19 April 2018.

5.3 RELEASE OF CULTIVARS in an area other than originally RELEASED

For release in an area other than originally released, a minimum of two (2) years' data from at least five (5) localities is required. The first year's data is valid for provisional release and the second year's data for final release.

If doubt or concerns exist with regards to any of the quality aspects of a line, a third year's data can be requested by the Committee.

6. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF BREEDERS' SAMPLES TO SAGL FOR ANALYSIS

6.1 DISPATCHMENT OF SAMPLES

- 6.1.1 Samples may be forwarded by courier or hand delivered to the SAGL's premises.
- 6.1.2 The cover letter accompanying the samples should contain the following information:
 - Breeder company name
 - Name and contact information (telephone number and e-mail address) of the person(s) submitting the samples
 - Name and contact information (E-mail -, postal and physical address) of the person(s) to receive the quality analysis report
 - Production region / type e.g. winter rainfall, winter dryland, irrigation, etc.
 - Samples submitted for first year, provisional or final release
 - Clearly indicate lines that should be evaluated against the relaxed release criteria for high-yielding lines
 - The name of the biological standard cultivar included
 - A list of the names of the breeder lines to be analysed
 - A list of the names of the localities where the samples were planted

- 6.1.3 A copy of the appropriate cover letter should be placed in each bag of the consignment.
- 6.1.4 Each sample bag should be clearly marked with the breeder line name, sample code (if applicable) and locality.
- 6.1.5 Breeder line names should be the same throughout from the first year to the final year of analysis to ensure traceability.

6.2 SAMPLE CRITERIA

- 6.2.1 Minimum sample mass for first year analysis is 2.5 kg. Minimum sample mass for provisional (second year) and final (third year) analysis is 3.0 kg.
- 6.2.2 Samples should be treated against insects before dispatch.
- 6.2.3 Samples should be free from soil and grit.
- 6.2.4 When the protein content is less than 10.0% or more than 15.0% (12% mb) evaluation becomes unreliable.
- 6.2.5 The hectolitre mass should not be less than 75 kg/hl (cleaned).

7. REPORTING FORMAT OF QUALITY RESULTS

- 7.1 All quality results generated by the SAGL laboratories, are captured in an Access data base.
- 7.2 The quality results (according to the analyses listed in Secion 4.1) per specific breeder line are reported in an Excel file format. A computer program was custom designed for this purpose with the assistance of the SAGL.
- 7.3 Each season's results are summarized on a separate worksheet in the file.
- 7.4 On each worksheet, the biological standard cultivar's quality results are compared to that of the breeder line.
- 7.5 The average, standard deviation and Coefficient of Variance (CV) of both the standard cultivar and breeder line's results over localities are calculated for each quality parameter.
- 7.6 The deviation of the breeder line's average value per parameter, compared to that of the standard cultivar, is calculated and reported.
- 7.7 Deviations exceeding the values indicated under Section 4, Guidelines for acceptable deviations, are flagged.
- 7.8 CV values exceeding the generally accepted maximum value of 15%, are also flagged.
- 7.9 A summary sheet, where the average values of the standard cultivar and breeder line over seasons are compared, is also included.

- 7.10 The summaries as well as the rheological graphs (mixogram, farinogram and alveogram) are forwarded to the breeder company.
- 7.11 An added advantage of the data being summarized in a user-friendly format is that the results of all seed breeders are reported in the same format which facilitates the interpretation and evaluation of the data.
- 7.12 A summary of yield increase calculations for high yielding lines is to be included in the quality results forwarded to the members of the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee for evaluation purposes.

8. PRE-MEETINGS FOR DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

Pre-meetings to discuss quality results obtained, are held annually at the end of March/beginning of April. These pre-meetings afford seed breeders the opportunity to discuss their results with representatives of the Milling and Baking industries, prior to the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting which is held toward the middle of April each year. These meetings do not have any decision-making powers.

The pre-meetings are open for attendance by any of the members of the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee and are chaired by an independent and objective expert. The current appointed Chair is Prof. Marena Manley from the University of Stellenbosch, while Prof. Maryke Labuschagne from the University of the Free State, was appointed as her second. Travel expenses for the Chair to attend the pre-meeting as well as the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting are paid for by the Wheat Forum.

Separate meetings, to ensure confidentiality of Intellectual Property, are scheduled with breeding companies on the same day. Currently meetings are held with ARC Small Grain, Pannar and Sensako. These meetings are organized by the SAGL.

A table summarizing the recommendations made during these meetings, are communicated to the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee by the Chair of the pre-meetings.

9. CULTIVAR DESCRIPTION

Important grain characteristics that should be noted for the release of a new cultivar are:

9.1 VISUAL KERNEL CHARACTERISTICS

Visual general kernel characteristics such as colour, size, shoulder, back, base, cheeks, skin, groove, germ and beard characteristics are described. Deviating kernels (kernels that look different from the normal shapes of the cultivar) are picked out by hand for a 25 g sample and the percentage is determined.

Dr. Sierk Ybema, an independent industry consultant, is contracted to perform the description of the kernel characteristics as well as identification of deviating kernels.

9.2 Electrophoretic band patterns

Electrophoretic band patterns are determined by means of SDS-PAGE electrophorese analysis. High molecular weight - glutenin subunits (HMW-GS) are encoded by genes at loci, Glu-A1, Glu-B1 and Glu-D1, and are not reliable for variety identification as many cultivars have the exact same HMW band pattern; however, it is reliable to use to determine seed purity and can be an indication of the homozygous state of a line. The determination is done on 20 kernels.

The Department of Plant Sciences (Plant Breeding) (Faculty: Natural and Agricultural Sciences) of the University of the Free state is contracted to perform SDS-PAGE analyses.

9.3 REPORTING OF GRAIN CHARACTERISTIC RESULTS

Results, as reported by the above-mentioned (points 9.1 and 9.2), are provided to the members of the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting by the SAGL. Individual results are forwarded to breeding companies. Result reports are also forwarded to the administrator of the Wheat Forum for minuting purposes.

9.4 CULTIVAR PURITY

All lines approved for final release by the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee, are still subjected to strict norms for cultivar purity (maximum 1% impurity) in terms of the provisions for seed standards and certification under the Plant Improvement Act. Cultivar purity under these norms are however only determined after final release.

9.5 DArT ANALYSIS

To improve the current system for determining seed purity (refer to points 9.1 and 9.2), Diversity Arrays Technology Pty Ltd (DArT PL), based at the University of Canberra in Australia, offers an affordable genome profiling option for any organism based on disruptive technology. Diversity Arrays Technology (DArT) analyses, can be used to distinguish between existing cultivars and to confirm the uniqueness of possible new cultivars. CenGen Pty Ltd, based in Worcester in the Westerm Cape Province, can be contracted to prepare/extract and ship the DNA samples, which will have a significant time savings effect.

10. GENERAL RULES

Any cultivar that is released should in the first instance be of such quality that it could satisfy the local market if it is grown as the dominant cultivar.

Its relative commercial value should be comparable to grain that is available on the world market.

No Genetically Modified (GM) wheat shall be submitted for release prior to notification and consent of the whole industry.

11. TIMELINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF FUNDING FOR WHEAT BREEDER QUALITY ANALYSES TO THE WINTER CEREAL TRUST AND SUBMISSION OF SAMPLES TO THE SAGL

Funding for quality analysis on first year, provisional and final year release analyses to be performed by the SAGL, can be applied for from the Winter Cereal Trust. Funding applications by breeders for seed analyses should not be submitted to the Winter Cereal Trust individually, but be provided to the SAGL before the end of June every year and will form part of a consolidated application to the Trust by end of July.

Samples of lines to be submitted for provisional or final release of which the results are to be evaluated during the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting held during the first half of April each year, are submitted to the SAGL from the middle December to the end of February each year. Adherence to this sample submission timeline is crucial to ensure sufficient time for completion of quality analysis, preparation of result reports and evaluation of the data by representatives of the processing industry, prior to the pre-meetings for discussion of results (referred to under point 8).

Samples of lines for first year analysis are submitted during the above-mentioned time period as well, but may also be submitted later during the year.

12. PUBLICATION, MAINTENANCE AND REVISION OF DOCUMENTATION

The Wheat Forum Steering Committee requested the SAGL to -

- Publish on its website the agreed Analysis Procedure and Evaluation Norms for the Release
 of Bread Wheat Breeders' lines for the RSA, as well as the Wheat Forum Cultivar List.
- Maintain and update the agreed Analysis Procedure and Evaluation Norms for the Release
 of Bread Wheat Breeders' lines for the RSA and Wheat Forum Cultivar List in future, subject
 to the finalization of the necessary protocols.

SAGL was appointed as responsible party for the maintenance of the Analysis Procedure and Evaluation Norms for the Release of Bread Wheat Breeders' lines for the RSA document as well as the Wheat Forum Cultivar List during the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting held in April 2018.

The Analysis Procedure and Evaluation Norms for the Release of Bread Wheat Breeders' lines for the RSA document as well as the Wheat Forum Cultivar List are to be revised during the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting in April each year and an updated version of the document and/or list published on the SAGL website (if applicable) directly thereafter.

Please refer to:

 $\textbf{\textit{ANNEXURE B}} \text{ - Protocol for updating the Wheat Forum Cultivar List}$

ANNEXURE C - Wheat Forum Cultivar list

This document was revised and accepted by members of the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee, (Resolution point 6 (1) of the minutes of the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting held on 11 April 2019).

Annexure A – Yield determination protocol for high-yielding lines

Background:

During a special meeting of the Research Technical Committee for Wheat, held on 15 January 2016, a set of proposed amendments to the criteria currently set for release of bread wheat lines, was discussed.

During the discussion, the following points were noted, namely:

- The protein content of wheat is a critical quality factor as it would have an impact on all other quality characteristics;
- Breeders had different opinions as to which of the quality characteristics could hamper yield;
- It was necessary to investigate what the effect of relaxing the criteria would be on bringing about an increase in the yield;
- It would be necessary to look at biological standards for high yielding cultivars;
- Trials to identify high-yielding cultivars had to be planted and evaluated independently;
- The environment determined the level of "actual" yield in comparison with "potential" yield;
- Relaxing the quality criteria without an increase in yield would not address producers' needs; and
- The grading regulations for bread wheat only refer to "red" wheat cultivars.

There was consensus among all the role players present at the meeting that if the minimum and maximum values of the criteria used to release bread wheat lines are widened to accommodate higher-yielding cultivars, then the yield of such cultivars must be significant. The committee decided that all lines proposed as high-yielding cultivars must yield at least 5% more than current commercial bread wheat cultivars.

In order to quantify and standardize the yield determination of high-yield lines a decision was taken that the breeders of the current (i.e. 2016) active breeding companies in South Africa (Sensako, Pannar and Small Grain Institute) need to jointly develop a protocol for determining the yield levels of high-yielding lines.

This protocol was developed at a workshop held on the 11th of February 2016, after the National Cultivar Evaluation Programme (NCEP) meeting.

A proposed protocol for yield determination regarding higher-yielding lines

In order to set a benchmark for newly identified higher-yielding lines, it is important to determine the top three (3) high-yielding commercial cultivars in each of the wheat producing areas in South Africa over the last three years. These top three (3) cultivars will be determined on an annual basis. Once acceptable higher-yielding lines have been identified, released and commercialised, the protocol needs to be reviewed again to determine if these cultivars will be then used as standards and what the significant percentage yield increase of new lines must be in order to be considered for release.

Yield data for higher-yielding lines must originate from replicated trials. A minimum Coefficient of Variance (CV) percentage must be used as a benchmark in order to determine if a trial can be included in the combined yield analysis. Only trials with a CV lower than 10% can be included for the irrigation areas. For the dry land areas, only trials with a CV lower than 15% can be used. The samples from the five (5) trial sites that are submitted to the SAGL for quality evaluation must be used in the statistical analysis to determine the yield level of the lines. The biological standard must also be part of the statistical analysis. The yield performance of the lines considered for release, must be 5% significantly higher than the average of the three (3) predetermined commercial cultivars.

The statistical trial layout should preferably be a lattice design. When analysing the data, the Least Significant Difference level must be set at 95%.

<u>Cultivars used as standards</u>

The cultivars used as standards, as listed in the table below, must be determined on an annual basis, after the National Cultivar Evaluation Program (NCEP) meeting held in February every year at the ARC-SG in Bethlehem. The current (2018) standards to be used for each production area are summarized in the following table:

Production area	Current Quality Standard	Cultivars		
Winter Rainfall Area	SST027	SST015, SST087, SST056, SST88		
Dryland Free State Area	Elands	PAN3111, Matlabas, PAN3161, PAN3195		
Irrigation areas	SST806	SST835, SST895, SST884, PAN3400		

Annexure B – Protocol for updating the Wheat Forum Cultivar list

- The cultivar list to be hosted on the SAGL website is to be named the **Wheat Forum Cultivar List**, to distinguish this list from any other lists already in existence.
- The criteria for listing a cultivar on the Wheat Forum Cultivar List is the *minuted* approval of the cultivar by the Cultivar and Technical Committee of the Wheat Forum. Approval will indicate that the cultivar has passed the evaluation process as described in the 'Analysis Procedure and Evaluation Norms for the Release of Bread Wheat Breeders' lines for the RSA' document.
- Any addition or elimination of a cultivar to/from the Wheat Forum Cultivar List, shall be based on a resolution documented in Minutes of meetings of the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee.
- The Wheat Forum Cultivar List shall be updated annually upon receival of the Minutes of the Wheat Forum Cultivar and Technical Committee meeting.

Annexure C – Wheat Forum Cultivar list

Wheat Forum Cultivar List (Updated April 2019)

	Northern dryland ar			Southern production			Irrigation	
Cultivar	Line name	Year of approval	Cultivar	Line name	Year of approval	Cultivar	Line name	Year of approva
PAN 3282	PAN2016-4	2019	Tredou	W16/01	2019	PAN 3681	2016PANLE12	2019
PAN 3380	PAN2016-16	2019				PAN 3582	2017PANLE4	2019
SST 3197	WPT16-13	2019				PAN 3583	2017PANLE25	2019
						PAN 3584	2017PANLE26	2019
						SST 8196	B-BPT16-21	2019
Mokolo	T08/21	2018	SST 0187	KPT15-28	2018	Usutu	BSP15/02	2018
PAN 3373	PAN2015-23	2018				PAN 3676	2015PANLE35	2018
SST 3186	WPT15-03	2018				PAN 3474	2015PANLE45	2018
SST 3176	CWPT13-15	2017				SST 8175	B-BPT14-20	2017
331 3170	CWI 115 15	2017				SST 8176	B-BPT14-18	2017
PAN 3252	PAN2013-5	2016	SST0166	KPT13-21	2016	PAN 3555	2013PANLE8	2016
		2016			2016		2013PANLE20	
Kubetu	T13/04	2016	Steenbok	W12/12	2016	PAN 3453		2016
						Umzumbe	BSP13/05	2016
SST 3156	WPT12-01	2015				PAN 3541	20129ANLE1	2015
						PAN 3644	2012PANLE20	2015
						SST 8154	B-BPT12-03	2015
						SST 8156	B-BPT12-06	2015
						SST 8155	C-BPT12-03	2015
SST 3149	A-WPT11-09	2014	SST 0147	KBPT11-21	2014	SST 8145	B-BPT10-16	2014
Wedzi	T10-02	2014				Renoster	BSP10-14	2014
PAN 3133	PAN2011-11	2014				Koedoes	BSP10-15	2014
SST 3137	IPT10-08	2013	SST 0137	KPT10-24	2013	PAN 3623	2010PANLE24	2013
SST 3127	WPT10-06	2013	331 013/	KI 110-24	2013	SST 8134	B-BPT09-11	2013
Kougas	T09/16	2013				SST 8135	B-BPT09-01	2013
DANIO	DANISCO C	2012	CCT 0405	00.010	2012	SST 8136	B-BPT10-02	2013
PAN 3111	PAN2009-3	2012	SST 0127	09-016	2012	PAN 3515	2009BSPPANLE17	2012
						SST 8126	B-BPT09-07	2012
						SST 8125	B-BPT09-09	2012
SST 316	PT07/4	2011	Ratel	W08-14	2011	Timbavati	BSP07/11	2011
SST 317	PT08/6	2011	PAN 3471	PAN 3471 (Irr)	2011	Tamboti	BSP07/12	2011
			SST 0117	08-012	2011	PAN 3400	2008BSPPANLE17	2011
						SST 815	B-BPT08-12	2011
						SST 816	C-BPT08-13	2011
PAN 3198	PAN2006-3	2010	PAN 3434	PAN 3434 (Irr)	2010	PAN 3497	2007BSPPANLE17	2010
PAN 3195	PAN2007-15	2010	Kwartel	W05/22	2010	SST 805	C-BPT07-14	2010
Sengu	KGIV07/06	2010	SST 008	07-017	2010	Umlazi	BSP06/08	2010
Selati	KGOV07/05	2010	331 000	0, 01,	2010	SST 807	C-BPT07-20	2010
Koonap	KGIV07/09	2010				331 807	C-BF107-20	2010
Hartbees		2010						
	KGIV07/07		200 T22	06.00014	2000	DAN 2400	2000004411525	2000
SST 398	PT06-08	2009	SST 096	06-00011	2009	PAN 3489	2006PANLE35	2009
						SST 895	B-BPT06-03	2009
						SST 896	C-BPT06-02	2009
						Sabie	BSP06/17	2009
SST 374	E3A04/24	2008	SST 087	05-0006	2008	SST 884	B-BPT05/19	2008
SST 387	PT05/04	2008				PAN 3471	2005BSPPANLE31	2008
PAN 3172	PAN2005-2	2008				PAN 3478	2005BSPPANLE28	2008
PAN 3379	PAN2005-23	2008						
PAN 3161	PAN2004-4	2007	Tankwa	W03/21	2007	SST 877	BPT04-07	2007
PAN 3368	PAN2004-25	2007	SST 077	04-0021	2007	SST 875	BPT04-05	2007
		-				Buffels	BSP03/12	2007
SST 963	02WE3B-10	2006	SST 064	03-0107	2006	SST 867	BPT03-3	2006
SST 366	PT04/3	2006	SST 067	03-0107	2006	SST 866	BPT03-7	2006
SST 308	PT04/4		331 007	03 0110	2000	331 000	51 103-7	2000
		2006						
SST 319	PT04/5	2006						
PAN 3355	PAN2003-2	2006						
SST 946	01PT9	2005	SST 047	02-0031	2005			
SST 356	02WE3B-9	2005	SST 056	03-0101	2005			
SST 954	02WE3B-12	2005	SST 026	03-0103	2005			
PAN 3144	PAN2002-27	2005						
SST 935	01PT11	2004	Kariega	Kariega (Irr)	2004	PAN 3434	2001LE2	2004
SST 347	01PT23	2004	SST 035	03-0102 (SST 835)	2004	Duzi	KGIB01/01	2004
Matlabas	KGIV01/02	2004				Krokodil	KGIB01/02	2004
Nossob	KGIV01/03	2004					,	
PAN 3120	EWPAN9902	2003				SST 835	BPT00-6	2003
						331 033	BF100-0	2003
PAN 3122	EWPAN2000-20	2003						
SST 322	09WP52	2003						
SST 334	00WP17	2003						
PAN 3118	PAN9911	2002	Baviaans	BSP97/1	2002	CRN 826	BPT002/E3	2002
Tarka	T98/5	2002	SST 027	00-0005	2002			

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Cultivar	Line name	Year of approval	Cultivar	Line name	Year of approval	Cultivar	Line name	Year of approval
			PAN 3404	98PANLE15	2001	Olifants	BSP98/8	2001
			PAN 3408	98PANLE29	2001			
			Steenbras	KBSP95/26	2001			
			SST 015	99-0001	2001			
			Biedou	W98/22	2001			
SST 399	07WPT-40	2000	PAN 3492	96LE1	2000	Baviaans	BSP97/1	2000
PAN 3191	9622	2000	PAN 3490	95LE14	2000	SST 806	97E3-3-6	2000
			SST 94	\$97/3138	1999	Steenbras	KSBP95/26	1999
Elands	T95/14	1998	SST 88	S96-239	1998	SST 885	35F5x6-57	1998
PAN 3377	9504	1998				SST 886	35F4x6-44	1998
SST 983	IPT14	1998						
PAN 3364		1997				SST 876		1997
SST 972		1997						
Caledon		1996						
SST 964		1996						
SST 367		1996						
SST 363		1996						
SST 966		1996						
Gariep		1995	SST 57		1995	lnia		Not available
Limpopo		1995	SST 65		1996	Kariega		1993
PAN 3349		1995				SST 822		1993
SST 936		1994				SST 825		1993
SST 333		1993				Marico		1992
Betta DN		1992						
Carina		1989						
Hugenoot		1989						
Carol		1987						
SST 124		1987						
SST 107		1984						
Belinda		1971						