

## *CURRICULUM VITAE* *JANNIE DE VILLIERS*

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Jannie de Villiers was born in Welkom (Free State Province) in South Africa on 13 Augustus 1961. After High School and military service he obtained a B.Com degree in 1984 at the University of the Orange Free State followed by a B.Com Honours degree in Economics at the University of Pretoria in 1986. Jannie attended various training sessions abroad especially in the field of international trade matters. He started his career at the Department of Agriculture in 1985 as an economist with the National Marketing Council (Advisory body to Minister of Agriculture). He joined the National Chamber of Milling in 1987 as Financial Manager and became the Executive Director in 1992. He also became the CEO of the Maize Millers Association in 1996 and acts as a consultant to the Animal Feed Manufacturers Association. Another part of his portfolio of positions is the Executive Director of the S A Agricultural Processors Association. Jannie has also been the responsible officer for the S A Chamber of Baking since July 2006.



Jannie de Villiers was very involved in the process of “constructively destroying” the control board system in South Africa, after which he became instrumental in creating new structures to serve the free market. He was a member of the Minister of Agriculture’s policy development group in 1995 and the advisory committee on international trade. He serves in the capacity of Chair, Vice-Chair, Trustee and Board member on numerous trusts/organisations rendering services to the grain value chain, namely the Maize Trust (2003 to date), Winter Cereal Trust (1997 to date), South African Grain Information Service (1997 to date), the Southern African Grain Laboratory (1997 to date) and the Grain Building (Pty) Ltd (2008 to date). Jannie is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Agricultural CEO’s Forum and was Chairman of the Forum in 2007. He frequently represents South Africa on the International Grains Council where he acted as a speaker in 2004 and 2007. He also represented South Africa at the High-Level Conference on World Food Security of the FAO in June 2008. Jannie was appointed as Vice-Chair for the International Operative Millers Association for Middle East and Africa in 2009.

Jannie is well-known in the agricultural and food sector in South Africa and abroad. He is often quoted in the media (television, radio and printed) and is a strong opinion former regarding policy matters. He is a popular speaker and sometimes acts as a guest lecturer at the University of Pretoria. He was awarded the Animal Feed Manufacturers Association Person of the Year in 2007. One of his latest initiatives was the founding of the Grain Farmer Development Association which aims to assist new Black farmers to become commercial grain producers.

***Other interests:***

Jannie was very active on the executive of the Dutch Reform Church at Moreleta Park from 1987 to 2007. He also chairs the Board of Jericho Walls International Prayer Network. He is married to Retha and they have three children. Jannes – 19 years, Dirkie – 16 years and Gerdie – 13 years old. He enjoys family life and loves to hike and to hunt. He is also a very enthusiastic sport spectator.