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Blue Skies Newsletter
In memory of Sanna Miya

Blue Skies to launch new branded range

Blue Skies is to launch a new range of branded prepared fruit products as the business seeks to enter new markets.

The range is available in 200g and 100g portions and includes fresh-from-harvest pineapple, mango, coconut, pomegranate, watermelon, papaya and melon. Keep an eye on our website at www.blueskies.com to find out more.



Above: some of the products available under the Blue Skies brand

Blue Skies to attend Asia Fruit Logistica



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ASIAFRUIT CONGRESS

Blue Skies will be exhibiting at Asia Fruit Logistica in Hong Kong between the 7-9 September. The Blue Skies Booth can be located at Hall 3D / AA28 and you can visit Blue Skies at the Virtual Market Place at goo.gl/iYNcmc

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Blue Skies South Africa mourns loss of Sanna

We have lost a member by the name of Sanna Miya. Sanna started working for the company on the 23rd of October 2004. She passed on the 18th of July 2016 and was laid to rest on the 24th of July 2016

Justice Vilakazi representing Supervisors and Production department, described her as a sister a neighbour and a peaceful worker who we worked well with over the years. David Moeketsi was our programme director for the day as he comforted the family, friends and colleagues. He quoted Corinthians saying "For we know that if the earthly house of this world is destroyed, we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands... The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience, and God is Faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure".

Waydu Nhlapo representing Blue Skies Management said "we've known Sanna for 12 years and she was an honour to work with. She was humble and dedicated to her work. I witnessed her when she was ill but I was hoping that she will get well and come back to work. May her soul rest in peace, she will be missed by all.

By Waydu Nhlapo, Blue Skies South Africa



Pictured: Blue skies personnel say their last Farewell to SANNA.

Blue Skies NPD ideas delight Albert Heijn



On Thursday 18th August we had an NPD Meeting at Albert Heijn HQ in Holland. Lorna, Cath and Sarah joined Paul in a very constructive meeting on new product development. With a view to Albert Heijn creating more space in their stores for our products, timing was perfect. From Q4 Albert Heijn will put extra chillers and this will be extended to more stores in 2017.

Report by Paul van Breukelen.

High marks for Egypt



Congratulations to Blue Skies Egypt who achieved high marks for their ISO22000 (food safety) and OHSAS 18001 (occupational health and safety) audits.

BS Ghana scores AA+

Ghana again managed an excellent BRC audit result this month. There was only one non-conformance for an unannounced audit, giving the AA+ categorization, the highest possible outcome. For a large site with so many products and employees it is a remarkable achievement. By Stephan Morris.

Dr. Zanetor Rawlings visits BSG



Dr Zanetor Rawlings, daughter of Ex-President Rawlings and Parliamentary candidate for the ruling NDC party in Ghana, visited Blue Skies in August. She is pictured above accompanied by Anthony and Pep.

Meet Hannah Appiah-Danquah

My name is Hannah Appiah-Danquah. I was employed at Blue Skies in 2004. I worked with the Movements Office for a year and was transferred to Operations in 2005, where I have worked as a Logistics Officer until now. I am a dedicated young woman with passion for a challenging job. I am highly focused and results oriented.

In 2009, I served on the Food Committee and became a Leader of that committee for almost two years. I was appointed to an Executive Position of the BSSA (the Blue Skies Staff Association) in 2011 as the Vice Chairperson for 3 years. During our tenure of office, I executed my work with passion, dedication and hard work. Whilst on the seat of the BSSA, I assisted in negotiating with management on all matters of employment, conditions of service and salary related matters as enshrined in the Collective Agreement. I promoted and fostered a good relationship between management and our people and acted in the absence of the Chairman.

As a Logistics Officer, my duties include receiving orders and liaising with production, communicating the day's bookings to the airlines and ensuring they are confirmed, preparing Delivery Invoices and ensuring export consignments get to the airport on time.

Blue Skies has given me enormous training that has equipped me to deliver on the job and to be a valuable asset to the company.

Whilst at work, I ensure I work hard to contribute my quota for the betterment of our Company. Our culture is unique and I am proud to be part of the Blue skies family. Long Live Blue Skies! Long Live Dr.Anthony Pile for helping us to put a smile on the faces of our family!

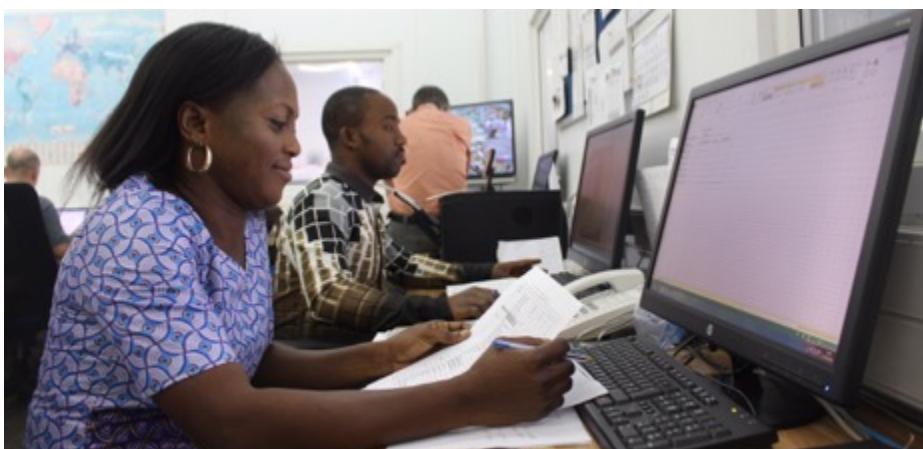


Photo of the month



Pictured above: Waydu wrestles David in the Ops room at Blue Skies South Africa (left) and (right) they are best friends again.

Blue Skies SA host health programmes



On the 11th of August 2016 we had a clinic on site to carry out voluntary training and screening for HIV ,AIDS and TB. The Monthly clinic was also present to test BP, Low blood, and other ill-health matters. I have to say that the turnout was very good and the sisters were impressed with the number of people who attended. This shows that our people are health conscious. We thank the company for organizing the campaign to come on site. It shows Blue Skies cares for our employees.

By Waydu Nhlapo, Blue Skies South Africa

Go Lorna!



Lorna Dix from the UK office is taking part in the Great North Run on the 11th of September to support Oxfam. You can sponsor Lorna by giving a donation at:
<http://goo.gl/qLnITx>

Meet the Farmer



Victoria Adu Boateng is the owner of Green Dove Farms, a supplier of mango to Blue Skies Ghana. Victoria is sixty years old and is married with one daughter. She has been farming at Green Dove for thirteen years. Victoria says "before I came in I didn't know how much it was going to pay. Since Blue Skies entered things have changed. I get a good market and maintenance of the farm is helped by compost which Blue Skies supplies us". Victoria has ten acres of land which yields around sixty tons of mango each season. She says the compost which she gets from Blue Skies has helped to improve her yield and has reduced the need to purchase chemical fertilizers. The mango trees, which were in full flower in mid-August will take two weeks before the fruits start to set. Victoria says she is praying that the rains don't start early so that the fruits will set. If the rains hold off then she is confident of a good harvest in early January 2017.

Download the latest Foundation Report



The latest Blue Skies Foundation report is out. It contains an overview of all the Foundation projects completed in 2015 and a summary of all the projects completed to date. Get your copy from:

<http://www.blueskies.com/foundation2015.pdf>

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O = UTSTANDING
M = ARVELOUS
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We are women and we are proud.

We look fragile but we are strong on the inside.

We don't have physical muscles but we are spiritually rooted.

We are women, and we can do it. The world is our Oyster, our Stage, our Catwalk

By Waydu Nhlapo, Blue Skies South Africa



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