

New appointments at Acorn Agri & Food



Acorn Agri & Food appoints new chief financial officer and audit partner

Acorn Agri & Food is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Mr Andries Geertsema as the Group's chief financial officer, as well as the appointment of Mr Hugo Zeelie from PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc. (PwC) as Acorn Agri & Food's external audit partner for the 2021 financial year.

Andries is a certified chartered accountant who brings extensive local and international experience to the table. Before joining Acorn Agri & Food, he worked his way through the ranks at PwC over a period of 14 years, primarily assisting both JSE-listed and non-listed multinational companies in the retail, mining and agricultural sectors.

"We are pleased to welcome Andries to Acorn Agri & Food as our new chief financial officer", says André Uys, chief executive officer of Acorn Agri & Food. "Andries has worked closely with our Group for the past 7 years and has been directly involved in audits and corporate transactions. His extensive experience in corporate finance, business operations, as well as mergers and acquisitions will be highly valuable to us as we implement our long-term strategy. He intends to transform Acorn Agri & Food's finance function into a digitally enabled business partner, by automating and streamlining financial reporting and processes, moving towards near real-time reporting and using predictive analytics to assess where the business is heading. I look forward to working closely with him to execute our business initiatives, drive profitability and enhance value for Acorn Agri & Food's shareholders," says André.

"In addition to Andries's appointment, I am also delighted to share that the audit and risk committee has recommended the reappointment of PwC as independent auditors of the Acorn Agri & Food Group for the 2021 financial year, with Mr Hugo Zeelie serving as the individual designated auditor," continues André.

"Despite the continued global uncertainty brought on by COVID-19, we look forward to capitalising on new opportunities and embracing the year's challenges with a strong team at the helm," concludes André.