



## HEXKOEL BEPERK UPGRADES TO LATEST PALTRACK SOLUTION

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Paltrack as leading systems solutions provider and innovation partner to the SA Fruit Industry has successfully implemented its latest product offering at Hexkoel Beperk. The product implemented is PALSTORE PRO and replaces the Paltrack RF stock management system which has been running for years at Hexkoel.

Stephan Antonowitz, Operations Manager of Hexkoel says: "I would recommend the new system to anyone, anytime. PALSTORE PRO is more user friendly. We have seen an increase in productivity during our reconciliation period. The time to do monthly and seasonal reconciliations has been reduced from more than a week to a maximum of two days. We further experienced fast intake of fruit and quicker container dispatches, resulting in further productivity increase. In general, working with the system is a far smoother and quicker experience".

Hexkoel is situated in the beautiful Hex Valley and is a Public Company with the purpose to pre-cool fresh fruit for export markets. It is probably one of the largest pre-cooling facilities in South Africa. It has 180 producer members that deliver their fruit for pre-cooling and the fruit are delivered on behalf of and marketed by  $\pm$  40 Export Companies and or Marketers. Hexkoel handles  $\pm$ 17m cartons of grapes every season which is about 90% of the Hex Valley's total crop and about 35% of South Africa's total crop for Export table grapes. Hexkoel has pre-cooling space for 9200 pallets and a further storage space for another 1500 pallets. The fruit is delivered at ambient temperature  $\pm$ 30°C and pulled down to -0,50°C within 48 hours. All the fruit is shipped in reefer containers and about 65% are loaded locally on the premises. Paltrack is used as the information system to control the movement of all the fruit. The normal harvesting season are from middle December to end of May of every year and it is probably one of the longest harvesting seasons in the deciduous fruit industry worldwide.

The solution offers clients a cost-effective, rich in functionality application with increased ease-of-use and reliability needed for on demand business. Underpinned by sound technology it allows for greater openness and choice of technology platform and database engines. The solution has been certified for IBM IDS Express and MS SQL platforms. Due to its modular nature it allows for greater scalability with the option to separate portions of the application and database onto separate servers. The Hexkoel implementation is based on Motorola/Symbol RF technology and that remains Paltrack's first choice in this area. All-in-all this provides customers with a greater choice and alignment with their corporate strategy in terms of standards for software applications.

PalStore PRO is a warehouse and stock management solution with functionality that includes intakes, stock-on-hand, dispatches, protocol management, label printing, invoicing and reporting. Customers with high throughput can activate advanced functionality that includes order based stock reservation and directed forklift movements for increased efficiency and accuracy. Batch-, wireless- and 2D barcode scanning are some of the enabling technologies available with the solution.

### **Benefits:-**

Ease of use and flexibility that facilitates completion of day-to-day tasks. Scanning can provide real-time information of stock positioning and on floor activities, whilst assisting in reducing data capture errors. Optional electronic data interchange (**EDI**) to clients, logistical service providers and industry bodies in Paltrack (Pty) Ltd published or proprietary formats. The Paltrack (Pty) Ltd ICDS service is used to facilitate this information exchange. Verification at intake against received EDI data expedites the intake process.

Functionality is optimized to provide high load out rates Comprehensive operational and management reporting with full audit trails. The functionality supports multiple remote storage locations from one server installation Scalable solution that caters for low and high volume facilities Integrates with third party financial systems

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