Westfalia Fruit Estates, situated just outside Modjadjiskloof in Limpopo, has a vacancy for a suitably qualified and experienced

**Avocado Rootstock Breeder**

Reporting to the Research Manager, the Incumbent will be responsible for managing the avocado rootstock programme (from selection to commercialization). The rootstock programme strives to identify and test new avocado rootstocks for the ever-changing environment in the diverse conditions in avocado orchards across the world. The ability to design and analyze trials is an integral part of the job. The incumbent must be willing to travel nationally and internationally to monitor research trials, network with researchers on a global scale and offer technical support to Westfalia Fruit colleagues located across the globe.

**Qualifications/Experience:**
- MSc. Agric (Horticulture/Genetics) or Ph.D. (Horticulture/Breeding) or related agricultural qualification
- Minimum 5 years’ experience in agriculture production/research/breeding
- Experience in plant breeding (traditional and/or molecular), with a keen focus on fruit production
- Driver’s license

**Knowledge:**
- Breeding and Horticulture principles
- Knowledge of traditional breeding protocols
- Understanding of molecular approaches with regards to plant material improvement
- Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)
- Computer literacy: MS Office (Word, Excel & Power Point)
- Financial and Human relations principles
- Health and Safety principles

**Skills:**
- Ability to work independently
- Presentation and scientific report writing
- Financial budget management
- Planning and organising
- Ability to manage technical team
- Excellent research skills
- Good communication skills
- Technical and analytical skills

**Attitude/Behaviour:**
- Enthusiasm, commitment and a strong interest in plants and plant science
- The ability to carry out work independently and with patience
- The ability and stamina to undertake research and long-term projects
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Team player and leader
- Service oriented
The Company offers a Total Guaranteed Remuneration Package which comprises provident fund, insured benefits, medical aid and an option to structure an annual bonus.

Closing date for applications will be 30th November 2021.

NB: Should you not receive correspondence by 1st January 2022, please regard your application as being unsuccessful.

Interested and qualified applicants should forward their applications (including a detailed copy of the CV) to Human Resources, Westfalia Limited, PO Box 1103, Tzaneen, 0850 or fax to 086 675 4097 or email recruitment@westfaliafruit.co.za for the attention of Lucia Mafa.