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

**PLANT BREEDING RESEARCH TECHNICIAN**

The incumbent will be responsible for technical support of an avocado rootstock breeding programme. This includes all aspects related to conventional plant breeding, including sowing, transplanting, crop maintenance, orchard sanitation, pollination, harvesting and evaluation, and record keeping. The technician is expected to explore new techniques and ideas, as guided by the principal plant breeder, to continually improve on breeding and assessment practices.

**Qualifications/Experience:**
- BSc. Agric. degree in Plant Breeding/Genetics or related agricultural fields
- Minimum of 2 years’ experience in agricultural research (preferably tree crops)
- Driver’s license (Code B)
- Working knowledge of breeding, preferably in tree crops

**Knowledge:**
- Horticultural background
- Plant breeding experience
- Computer literacy: MS Office (Outlook, Word, Excel & PowerPoint)

**Skills:**
- Solid organisational skills
- Good leadership skills
- Strong communication skills
- Ability to work independently and as a member of a team

**Attitude/Behaviour:**
- Pro-active and good problem solver
- Committed to deliver consistent, high-quality work
- Analytical and well-organized
- Exhibit professionalism at all times

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 30 December 2021.**

**NB: Should you not receive correspondence by 15 January 2021, 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.