

# ANNUAL REPORT

## CAPE WOOLS SA CONTRACT TRANSFORMATION REPORT (CONTRACT PERIOD 1 JULY 2020 – 30 JUNE 2023)

### REPORTING PERIOD

1 JULY 2022 – 30 JUNE 2023

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The three-year contract with CWSA has come to an end. Only 6 advisers were available to provide services in communal farming areas of the Eastern Cape. It was a successful year and the Transformation program under the NWGA remains high on the agenda of the whole industry and wool value chain.

During the past year, NWGA lost one of its most experienced and committed Advisors and Regional Manager, Mr Zithulele Mbatsha, after a short illness. His role and leadership in the communal development programme will be sorely missed!

## **WEIGHING PROJECTS**

The past year we continuously visited the following sites in the different regions to gather data on communal wool sheep production:

### **Region 20**

Gungqwana (Tsolo)  
Nyandeni (Libode)

### **Region 21 – no weighing took place.**

Mnqaba James (Middeldrift)  
Ngqikana (Seymour)

### **Region 23**

Ngqoko (Lady Frere)  
Ngcuka (Lady Frere)

### **Region 25**

Witterburgen (Sterkspruit)  
Dulciesneck (Sterkspruit)

### **Region 24**

Mantshangasi (Mbizana)  
Ndkantaka WGA (Ntabankulu)  
Castle Rock (Mount Fletcher)  
Boiteko (Mount Fletcher)

### **Weighing Project: July 2022 - June 2023**

Wool Growers' Association	Region	Weaning mass (kg)	Lamb survival (%)	Ewe mortality (%)	Ewe mass (kg)	Ewe productivity (kg lamb per kg ewe)
Gungqwana WGA	20	21	84%	16%	48	358
Nyandeni WGA		23	80%	4%	50	361
Ngcuka WGA	23	28	68%	12%	52	364
Ngqoko WGA		23	60%	16%	45	309
Mantshangase / Mbizana	24	23	52%	24%	29	413
Ndlantaka / Ntabankulu		26	84%	4%	33	669
Boiteko		29	64%	0%	32	567
Castle Rocks		34	60%	4%	48	419
Dulciesneck	25	23	64%	28%	36	411
Witteburgen		22	60%	32%	37	352
Average		25	68%	14%	41	422
Min		21	52%	0%	29	309
Max		34	84%	32%	52	669



*Weighing activities and demonstrations*

## **SHEARER TRAINING**

Shearer courses were held in the Eastern Cape communal areas with the support of the Shearer Training Division from Bloemfontein, led by Mr Izak Klopper and his shearer training instructors.

33 Blade shearer training courses and 3 Machine shearer training courses were conducted between July and December 2022. 297 shearers were trained in blade and 18 were trained in machine.

**The shearer training courses were presented as follows:**

### **Region 20 (Khanyiso Mzayifani)**

<b>SHED</b>	<b>No. OF TRAINEES</b>
Lumanyano (Tsolo)	6
Tikitiki (Tsolo)	7
Nyandeni (Libode)	7
Zulu (Ngqeleni)	6
Mtyu (Ngqeleni)	6
Mayaluleni (Tsolo)	8
Qanda (Tsolo)	9
Mdibanisweni (Tsolo)	10

Most of the training was successful without any interruptions, except Tikitiki and Nyandeni, which experience interruptions by heavy rains in the first week of November. The Lumanyano Shed machine course was also interrupted by high stages of loadshedding, and as a result they had to start very early in the morning and finish late in the evening to compensate for the time lost during the day due to load shedding.

Qanda shed and Nyandeni received shearer training for the first time. Both received blade shearing courses and they were very appreciative of the training and requested the training to continue.

All the sheds that had machine courses were also satisfied with the training and indicated the need for the courses to continue.

### Region 23 (S Ndwanya)

SHED	No. OF TRAINEES
Sibuyile Nkonkobe	9
Ngqoko WGA	8
Bangindlala	8
Ludumo	8
Thabo Mbeki	8
Lower Lufutha	9
Tsawulayo	10



### Region 24 (Mr Nyamela)

SHED	NUMBER OF TRAINEES
Mt Zion	8
Magqabasini	10
Valindlala	10
Mbhandango	7
Luyengweni	10
Nobamba	10
Saphukanduku	10
Mpheni	10
Goxe	8
Siphaqeni	6

### Region 24 (Mr Phumlani Sawula)

SHED	NUMBER OF TRAINEES
Kuebeng	10
Mbonisweni	8
Matiase	9
Masakala	11

Farmers from all these Districts/sheds appreciated the opportunity to participate in shearer training and requested continuation of the training.

### **Region 25 (Mr Rasmeni)**

<b>SHED (Ngcobo area)</b>	<b>NO OF TRAINEES</b>
Upper Qebe Thuthukani s.s	8
Zenzele Matyeni	10
Upper Gubenxa	10
Zwelitsha	8
Mgudu	8
Goso	8
Siyakha	8
Sinqumeni	8

Two Shearing teams were formed to provide a shearing service to communal farmers in the area:

- Key Shearing team – from Ndingishe village along the Lesotho Border gate.
- Lamani Shearing team – from Bebeza village up in the mountains along the Lesotho borders.

## **ECONOMIC DATA COLLECTION (GREEN BOOKS)**

The programme runs from 1 March 2022 till end February 2023.

### **Region 20**

*5 Participants:*

Mrs N. Thokozwayo (Tsolo)  
Mr M Mankosi (Mtahta)  
Mr DD Maku (Mthatha)  
Ms P Qhakaza (Libode)  
Mr T. Mtyhontyi (Ngqeleni)

### **Region 21**

*3 Participants*

Middledrift  
Seymour  
Stutterheim

### **Region 23 (Mr S Ndwanya)**

*5 Participants:*

Mrs N Vena (Lady Frere)  
Mrs N Ntoyakhe (Dordrecht)  
Mr S Bacela (Lady Frere)  
Mrs N Dingaya (Cofimvaba)  
Mrs N Monco (Lady Frere)

### **Region 25 (Mr A Rasmeni)**

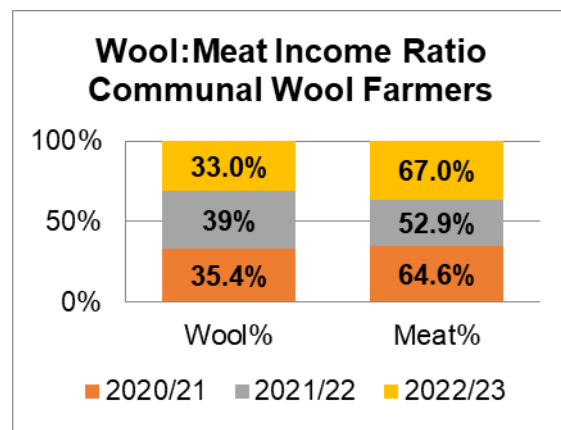
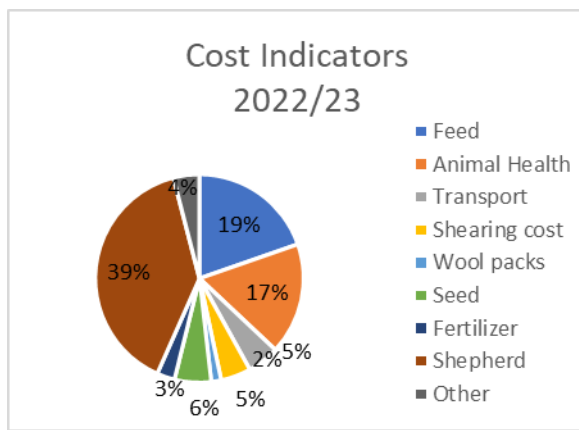
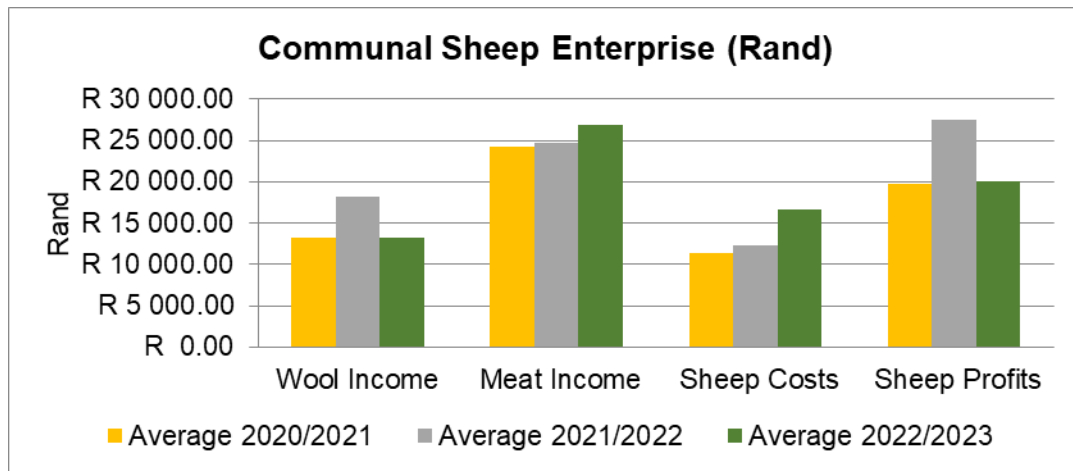
*6 Participants*

Mr. Khongisa (Sterkspruit)  
Mr Lekhula (Sterkspruit)  
Mr Mangcipu (Sterkspruit)  
Mr Zililo (Sterkspruit)  
Mr Kala (Ngcobo)  
Mr Jezile (Ngcobo)

### **Region 24 (Mr XL Nyamela & Mr P Sawula)**

*10 Participants:*

Mrs Nongenle Mayaphi (Ntabankulu)  
Mrs P Diko (Ntabankulu)  
Mr Samkelo Nkalithana (Mt Ayliff)  
Mr Lulamile Nogcantsi (Mt Ayliff)  
Mr NP Banjwa (Mt Ayliff)  
Mr Tiisetso Lerutla (Mt Fletcher)  
Mr Xolani Dlaza (Maclear),  
Mrs Nthabeleng (Mt Fletcher)  
Mr MJ Seamane (Mt Fletcher)  
Mr BT Makhabane (Mt Fletcher)



## **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Three shearing sheds were built in Region 20; Mbobeleni in Libode, Bantu Bonke in Buntingvale and Zakhele in Qunu. These sheds are all situated around Mthatha and they were funded by Sibanye Stillwater Mines. The sheds are all equipped with the necessary infrastructure needed. A yard fence was erected around the buildings, with a sheep dipping tank and toilets for male and female.

At all three of these sheds the farmers have poor quality sheep and the whole flock is cross-bred. Further training will take place in the new year at all these shearing sheds.

In Region 24, two multi-purpose sheds were constructed by the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR) at Mbizana Local Municipality for the following shearing sheds: Ndakeni and Nyhaka. There is also one new shed at Mangquzu WGA (Flagstaff) which was also funded by the DRDAR.

Mzimvubu local municipality provided an additional 28 wool presses for Umzinvubu ward associations, totalling 55 wool presses over the past two years.





## **TRAINING**

Shearer training, wool classing and shearing shed management courses were held at Bangindlala in Lady Frere and Tsawulayo in Dordrecht, which were constructed in 2021 and funded by Sibanye Stillwater Mines.

A 3-day wool piece picking course was presented at Mpofu Training Centre and attended by 15 people.

Wool sorting refresher courses were held at 37 shearing sheds, 18 in Sterkspruit area and 19 in Ngcobo area.

Shearing shed management and sheep selection training was conducted at the following sheds by Mr Willem Goosen: Zakhele shearing shed, Bantubonke shearing shed and Mbobeleni shearing shed (funded by Sibanye Stillwater Mines).







*Training on wool contamination and the use of the correct bales in are continuously done throughout the year.*

**Wool Sorting training was done in the following sheds:**

Dulciesneck ; Thaba Lesoba; Macacuma; Musong; Qhemerha; Blikana; Bikizana; Jozanashoek; Ndofela



**The following sheds were visited to do the Account Sale Analysis:**

Walaza; Thabalesoba; Bikizana; Bebeza; Makhumsha; Masihlangane; Upper Telle; Upper Bebeza

NWGA continues with the analysis of account sales at various shearing sheds to advise farmers with preparation for the new shearing season.

**Animal Husbandry and Welfare**

Training for farmers with Fulirex on Animal Husbandry and Welfare, as well as training of committee members on problem solving, farm planning and veld management (Region 24) continued (under the Ethical Trade Norway programme).





*Demonstration on sheep dipping and dosing at the new Sibanye shearing sheds (Zakhele, Bantubonke and Mbobeleni shearing sheds). +/- 9 500 sheep were dosed and dipped.*



*Sheep Management training for 30 farmers on sheep nutrition and animal handling under the ETN Project sheds. The training was conducted by Chris Wilken (Fulirex) and Kobus Grobler at Tikitiki Shed in Tsolo.*

#### **Training was done at the following sheds:**

##### **CALA:**

- Lupapasi wga - 26 attendees

##### **DORDRECHT:**

- Ezingcaceni wga - 18 attendees

##### **CACADU:**

- Stoney Croft (with Talitha) - 36 attendees
- Zoboletu (with Talitha) – 18 attendees
- Khulani wga (with Elanco) – 23 attendees
- Hala2 – 23 attendees
- Ngqoko wga (Cacadu) – 28 attendees

##### **COFIMVABA:**

- Khayamnandi (with Talitha) – 22 attendees



- Ncora flats (with Elanco) – 28 attendees
- Nongqongqwana wga – 12 attendees
- Qumanco wga (with Talitha) – 22 attendees
- Mcambalala wga – 16 attendees

#### TSOMO:

- Luthuli wga – 38 attendees

#### INDWE

- Bankini wga – 18 attendees



#### MACLEAR DISTRICT

- Baliwe s/s
- Mbonisweni s/s
- Ncembu s/s
- Tsitsana –
- Rhamlane s/s
- Nkalweni s/s
- Siyolise s/s
- Lower Ngxaza s/s
- Ilungelolethu s/s
- Taung s/s



*Lamb management training – Lower Ndonga*

#### **MOUNT FLETCHER DISTRICT**

- Nonzaba s/s
- Lower Tokwana s/s
- Mbizeni wga
- Boiteko s/s
- Zingonyameni s/s
- Nkwenkwezi s/s

#### **MALUTI A DISTRICT**

- Klein Jonas s/s
- Bubesi s/s
- Mafube s/s

#### **MALUTI B DISTRICT**

- Kharai s/s

#### **STERKSPRUIT**

- Rockliff s/s
- Magwiji s/s
- Upper telle s/s
- Thaba Lesoba s/s
- Barkly East s/s
- Masakhane s/s
- Makhumsha s/s
- Makalakaleng s/s
- Mguli s/s

**Sheep selection courses were conducted at the following sheds:**

- Bengu wga (Cacadu) – 22 attendees



- Madame (Cofimvaba) – 32 attendees
- Mtshanyane (Cofimvaba) – 30 attendees
- Ngquthu wga (Tsomo) – 16 attendees
- Lufutha wga (Cala) – 17 attendees
- Lumnko wga (Cacadu) – 38 attendees
- Khwezi wga (ntabethemba) – 13 attendees
- Nomzamo wga (Cala) – 12 attendees



### **Predation Management**

Predation management training was done with Mr Neil Viljoen where 151 farmers from different sheds at Tikitiki Shearing Shed in Tsolo. Further training was done at Ndindwa shearing shed in Middledrift, Percy shearing shed in Lady Frere, Utloanang and Castle Rock shearing sheds in Mr Fletcher, Rockcliff shearing shed in Sterkspruit and Mabalengwe shearing shed in Flagstaff.



### **Information Days, Training and Demonstrations**

Regional postmortem and animal health information days were held at Masameni in Ngqeleni, during which farmers were trained on different types of sheep diseases as well as doing a postmortem on dead animals. More than 200 farmers attended the information day.

A sheep management information day was held with various stakeholders such as BKB, Zoetis, and DRDAR at Masiphumelele Shed in Butterworth.

Three information days were conducted on sheep management. Presentations were done on the following: Disease control & Animal Health, feeding of livestock, Breeding and selection, Animal handling and Movement. This training took place at Butterworth (50 Attendees); Tolofiyeni (50 Attendees); Xhukwane (70 attendees)





## **MARKETING**

There are only 6 production advisers left and are doing their best to visit as many shearing sheds as possible to ensure that the producers are trained on how to prevent wool contamination, promote proper wool classing, marketing of heavier bales and to minimise bin bales.

From the after sales accounts, the quality of the wool is becoming more inferior / crossbred and prices are lower compared to previous seasons. There are more 600 types than MF types in the same clip. It is an ongoing process, visiting shearing sheds to identify inferior sheep that farmers can sell and buying better quality ewes and rams.

There is still a great demand for the purchase of quality rams. Some of the rams are expensive and farmers are battling to afford it. During the shearing season with the marketing of the wool it is observed that the impact which the greater ram project had in the past on the wool quality and especially on the young animals, is slowly but steadily deteriorating. It becomes more inferior / crossbred because farmers are keeping their own ram lambs in their own flocks.

Rockliff shearing shed received the highest price for communal sheds at an OVK sale in the past season. They received a good price of R157/kg for their hoggets line, with an average price of R99-30 per kg for their clip. Farmers are very satisfied with the price of wool that they received in comparison to the previous season.

NWGA is aware of farmers who still sell their wool through informal markets. These are mainly farmers who do not belong to any Association.

***Wool marketed through the formal market since 2004/2005 is reflected in the tables below. These statistics are supplied by Cape Wools SA.***

TRANSKEI & CISKEI TYPES OF WOOL (LOT RANGES)					
2004/2005 - 2022/23 SEASONS					
SEASON	VALUE	MASS	LOTS	BALES	AVERAGE PRICE
2004/2005	18 111 729,23	2 042 729,1	2 538	13 808	R 8,87
2005/2006	14 744 245,76	2 205 169,9	2 389	14 548	R 6,69
2006/2007	34 481 396,42	2 419 663,2	3 103	16 605	R 14,25
2007/2008	45 340 347,21	2 633 796,1	3 788	17 956	R 17,21
2008/2009	31 157 914,25	2 494 214,0	3 822	17 363	R 12,49
2009/2010	60 432 983,71	2 776 867,8	4 343	19 353	R 21,76
2010/2011	71 749 104,17	3 027 276,3	5 085	21 237	R 23,70
2011/2012	88 442 521,03	2 782 370,7	4 660	19 755	R 31,79
2012/2013	108 248 805,28	2 842 409,1	4 686	20 187	R 38,08
2013/2014	137 919 367,70	3 806 993,5	6 368	26 740	R 36,23
2014/2015	130 849 387,92	3 582 122,6	6 363	25 252	R 36,53
2015/2016	233 618 024,81	4 462 089,1	7 832	31 689	R 52,36
2016/2017	299 882 007,84	5 812 641,3	9 138	39 964	R 51,59
2017/2018	383 607 431,04	5 422 122,3	9 569	38 617	R 70,75
2018/2019	336 979 827,63	4 737 000,0	9 021	33 510	R 71,14
2019/2020	289 475 740,22	5 876 741,3	9 121	39 132	R 49,26
2020/2021	260 451 284,03	5 455 470,8	9 421	36 233	R 47,74
2021/2022	255 013 759,48	4 402 619,2	8 095	30 030	R 57,92
2022/2023	281 895 295,79	5 158 852,1	9 381	34 297	R 54,64

Active South African based shearing sheds - 2022/23 Season	
Description	Count
Number of Sheds that marketed in the 2021/22 season	1 533
Number of Sales these sheds marketed on	35
Number of Lots Sold	9 918
Number of lots above 80% of Indicator	709
Number of lots above Indicator	80

NWGA held an Economically Best Classed Clip competition sponsored by Zoetis and awards were presented at the NWGA AGM in Queenstown. The prizes donated by Zoetis included deworming the entire community's sheep which is scheduled to take place between August to November 2023 in all 5 regions.

**The winners were as follows:**

**REGION 20: Lumanyano WGA**

This shed is situated in the Tsolo district and has produced 52 bales with no bin bales. It is still an upcoming shearing shed and NWGA is busy with training to help the farmers to farm with good quality animals. They received an average price of R66 p/kg for this clip with an average micron of 19.6.







### **REGION 21: Allen Waters WGA**

This shearing shed is situated around Whittlesea. It is a well organised shearing shed with whom the NWGA has conducted many courses such as shearer training, wool classing courses and sheep management. They have produced 46 bales this season with only 1 bin bale. Their average price was R109-49 p/kg. The average micron was 18.8 and a clean yield of 65%. This community is also buying in their own quality rams and have a proper breeding system. Better ewes are selected to mate with better rams. Their hoggets fetched a price of R169 p/kg this season and an average micron of 16.8.

### **REGION 23: Ludumo Shearing Shed**

This shed is situated between Dordrecht and Queenstown. They have produced 73 bales. Some of the farmers in this community also buy their own quality rams. They have received an average price of R108-77 p/kg for this clip. Their average micron is 18.8. They also received a very good price for their hogget wool of R150-60 p/kg.

### **REGION 24: Luzie Shearing Shed**

This shed is situated in the Mt Fletcher area. They have produced 83 bales this season with an average price of R107-20 p/kg. Their average micron is 19.7 and an average clean yield for the clip was 66.39%. Their highest price received was for an AF line of R135-00 p/kg.

### **REGION 25: Upper Telle Shearing Shed**

They are situated in the Sterkspruit area. 69 Bales were produced this year. Very good classing was done at this shed with no bin bales. They received an average price of R118-75 p/kg and an average micron of 19.2. 64.36% was clean yield. Some of these farmers are also buying in good quality rams to upgrade their flocks to maintain the quality of a quality wool sheep. Their hogget line was sold at a very good price of R196-90 p/kg at 16.6 micron with a 67.78% clean yield.

## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

- NWGA Production Advisors conducted 58 audits based on the Sustainable Cape Wool Standard adapted for communal farming conditions. Although many challenges were experienced with the audits, this is certainly the way forward. Audits will also assist to determine where the priority needs and shortfalls are with communal wool sheep producers to comply with the standard.

It is recommended that a rating system be developed that is based on the level of compliance to SCWS (c) i.e., bronze, silver, or gold. Should more levels be identified it could be based on a

numeric number i.e., level 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. NWGA would gladly participate with CWSA to develop such a system.

- Farmers were trained on how to plunge dip at Bangindlana and Tsawulayo. Approximately 6000 sheep were dipped after shearing was completed.
- There are only a few well organised communities that are purchasing their own rams with the assistance of NWGA production advisers to select good quality rams from private commercial farmers.
- NWGA also organised regional flock competitions. Good quality animals were entered for these competitions. Flock competitions were held in all five regions with more than 350 animals registered. The regional competitions took place with a great number of attendees and the quality of animals being exceptional. Thereafter, a very successful inter-regional flock competition was held at Tarkastad showgrounds. All the winners from the different regional flock competitions competed in this inter-regional flock competition. There is a huge demand for sheep days like this to assist farmers to determine the quality of their flocks.
- Region 24 conducted a regional congress at Zinyosini Association, Ntabankulu which was well attended. There were invited speakers from Land Reform, DRDAR, Traditional Leaders, Municipality Officials and NWGA Head Office. Resolutions are being followed up with authorities.
- A visit from the Norwegian Government and Ethical Trade Norway to Luzie and Castle Rocks Shearing Sheds took place during November. The development initiative funded by the Norwegian Government (NORAD) was concluded at the end of June 2023. Two NWGA Advisors positions were funded under this initiative.
- In Region 24, 18 shearing sheds received certificates from Cape Wools on sustainable wool standards.
- Region 25 hosted its regional congress with huge success.



- Region 23 had a congress where the Chris Hani Municipality financed the purchase of 61 good quality merino rams sourced, selected and supplied by the NWGA.



- 66 rams were privately purchased by farmers, assisted by NWGA Production Advisers to select the rams. More farmers also used their own funding to buy 40 quality ewes with assistance and guidance from NWGA Production Advisers.



- Region 23 flock competition took place at Cumakala WGA in the Cacadu district. A total of 148 animals were entered. The different categories were: Ewe Lambs (47 entries), Two tooth ewes (23 entries), 4-8 tooth ewes (43 entries) and rams (30 entries). These animals were of very good quality. Approximately 150 people attended the day.



- A second flock competition was held at Castle Rocks in the Mt Fletcher district. Very good quality animals were entered. 271 entries were received. The categories were: Ewe Lambs (50 entries), Two tooth ewes (50 entries), 4-8 tooth ewes (73 entries) and rams (85 entries). +/- 750 people attended the day.



Thank you to the NWGA Communal Eastern Cape Branch for sponsorship towards the regional and provincial flock competitions.

**Signed at East London on Friday, 18 July 2023**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WJ Goosen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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