



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **NOVARE SUPPORTS TRANSFORMATION IN AGRICULTURE**

Novare, the company that provides implemented consulting and investment services to retirement and other funds, has announced its continued support for agricultural skills development in the form of a bursary to study at the Cape Institute for Agricultural Training at Elsenberg, Stellenbosch.

Novare, also the sponsor of "the world's most exclusive wine competition", the SA Terroir Wine awards, announced that Neljananie Soman had been awarded the R20 000 bursary at a ceremony at Elsenberg on 8 December 2009.

Neljanine earned her National Certificate NQF 1 in Plant Production this year and was awarded as best learnership student in Pomology, which is focused on the cultivation of fruit. The bursary will be used to fund her continued studies next year.

Marina van Til, head of Marketing at Novare commented: "For Novare this initiative - in partnership with the department of agriculture in the Western Cape - is an investment in our country's youth, in skills development and in transformation in agriculture. It is also consistent with other aspects of our corporate social investment programme, notably the recognition of South African wine-making excellence."

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Caption:

Mr. Douglas Chitepo (Director: Further Education and Training, Elsenburg), Ms Joyene Isaacs (Head of Department, Elsenburg), Ms Marina van Til (Head of Marketing, Novare), Ms Neljanine Soman (Bursary Recipient), Ms A Veit (Novare)

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