



## COMPLETION REPORT: BELGIAN RACING PIGEON CONTAINER PROJECT

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### Background and context

Belgian Racing Pigeon fanciers sent a 13 m Container with goods (clothing, shoes, pigeon clocks and trophies) to **the Western Cape Racing Pigeon Confederation (WCRPC)** as a donation and gesture of goodwill during March 2015. The WCRPC requested **the Foundation for Sport, Development and Peace** to manage the management of the container and the distribution of goods in the Container as the WCRPC required a professional NGO and non-profit organization to take responsibility to arrange this for various reasons but also to ensure accountability. The Container was finally received on 8 May after a great effort by **BLG Logistics** who imported the Container for us and carried all costs. The Container contents were handed over or transported to the identified list of NGOs this week and most end beneficiaries are receiving goods at present.

We had a hugely positive response as NGOs are very excited to have the shoes before winter gets really bad ... the beneficiaries (all NGOs) and end beneficiaries (children, woman and disadvantaged communities) were also stunned by the fact that the shoes were new and of such high quality and at many orphanages these were the first new shoes that children ever received, even teenagers, as donations to orphanages are normally second hand. The sheer volume of 4300 pairs of shoes has had a huge impact on many communities. We are having a huge response and will forward you the photos and letters in the next few weeks.

All clocks and trophies are now in safekeeping at the **WCRPC RESOURCE CENTRE** in Durbanville (see address below) and Erwin Wallendorf from the WCRPC has taken responsibility for this. He has completed a first round inventory and we had a technical team there this weekend to strategize around the fixing and allocation of clocks. Especially the JUNIOR clocks are very useful. Our members are stunned by the quality of the trophies and the prospect of issuing these for youth clubs and beginner fanciers ... we are advertising country wide for support to obtain further parts.

I am also happy to report that from a project management point of view we were very successful at allocating in targeted fashion to highly reputable NGOs and able to account for the full assignment. We have signed off all stock to registered NPOs and the clocks and

trophies to the WCRPC and have written record of the allocation of every item (see detailed Report below).

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback to the donors as well as the WCRPC and the Foundation as well as to record all activities and allocation of goods, and to provide a basis for reporting and the responsible and accountable handling of this donation.

## **PROGRESS AND COMPLETION REPORT**

**The following summary provides a synopsis of events and to acknowledge the important role that many people have played in this Project.**

The Sport President of Belgian pigeon sport, **Dirk Schreel** from Fazantenlaan 63, Zedelgem, Belgium ([dirk.schreel@telenet.be](mailto:dirk.schreel@telenet.be)) have coordinated the container of goods from the Belgian side. (+/- 4300 pair of new shoes 1000 kg used trophies to be cleaned to use them in the clubs, 1000 kg old clocks for the pigeon sport and 10 boxes of used clothes. The Container left Belgium on 13 March and arrived on 30 March. The Container was released on 08 May 2015 after lengthy administrative processes proving that it is a contribution for development purposes the ITAC. The container was received by the WCRPC and the Foundation on 8 May 2015.

A big thank you on behalf of all pigeon fanciers and beneficiaries, the WCRPC and the Foundation to **the Family Dirk and Francine Schreel-Verniest and friends** for this contribution! It made a big impact and NGOs (see below) remarked on the timely acquisition of these goods as winter is fast approaching. We are receiving many letters of thanks from various people and will forward these to you. Further formal correspondence to you will follow.

I wish to acknowledge the important role of ***the Western Cape Racing Pigeon Confederation (WCRPC)*** as primary beneficiaries in the management of this Project as two dedicated Members of the Board was allocated to work on this Project. The WCRPC is a new body that stands for the unification and democratization of the racing pigeon sport in the Western Cape and is the first Provincial Body to be established and to be affiliated to the Sport Council as a sport federation. This received donation of goods allows the WCRPC to play a development role and to stimulate the sport in areas of transformation, especially youth development and support to the elderly to promote the sport but also the development of all involved. The WCRPC will be developing a **WCRPC RESOURCE CENTRE** and will be able to use the clocks and trophies with great effect. By way of example, at present, 10 Junior clocks are selected for the Robertson Junior Club that urgently requires these. The WCRPC will allocate the trophies to specific role players such as SANPO and other federations (also on invitation) to stimulate youth development, beginners, clubs and other vulnerable sectors of our sport.

I wish to express my appreciation to **Prof Marion Keim Lees**, the Chairperson and founding Director of ***the Foundation for Sport, Development and Peace*** for taking this Project on at cost without any obvious advantages of doing so other than playing a supportive role to an important development project. Thank you to the Foundation for allocating Management

expertise to the Project and ensuring that that Container Project is managed through a registered NPO. The Foundation took all responsibility for the donation and made a declaration to the International Trade Administration Commission (ITAC). The Foundation for Sport, Development and Peace has successfully completed its task of managing the Container import and distribution of goods.

I wish to note and thank **Celestine Donough** for the role that he has played in facilitating the initial phases of the Container Project. Celestine initiated the transformation and unification of the pigeon sport in the Western Cape that led to the formation of the WCRPC. Celestine is regarded as a role-model, an innovator and an expert of racing pigeons and is regarded as an icon by many youth in Cape Town. My appreciation to Celestine for another great effort made.

The hero of this Project in my opinion, other than our Belgian donors, and without whom this project would not have been possible, is certainly **Shane Gerber** (083 629 6144 [sgerber@bllsa.co.za](mailto:sgerber@bllsa.co.za)) and **BLG Logistics**, an import–export company in Port Elizabeth that handled all the difficult processes and that carried all costs for the import of the container. Our sincere appreciation goes to Shane Gerber from SANPO that has offered his help when we needed it and also to Paul Gerber, the National Operations Manager of BLG Logistics (details below) for his endless efforts. The Company has paid R4, 000 in normal fees but also an additional R27, 000 as penalties for the late release of the container to the ITAC in Geneva. Continued efforts are made to wave this penalty. Our sincere thanks to Shane, Paul and BLG Logistics!

Once the Container was released and arrived at Durbanville on 08 May at 15h30, a Team of **volunteers assisted with the unloading of the Container** and this team consisted of members of the pigeon racing community as well as members of the Foundation for Sport development and Peace. Many thanks to Leon Venter and his son Leon, to Cian de Coning, Chesney and Shawn, to Erwin Wallendorf and his workers and to Dr Desai and his Team from Habibia Primary School for clearing the Container in two hours!

The goods were stored (for distribution) at the **PPL Pigeon Club at the house of Mr Gerrit Stofberg** (082 495 9555 [stoffberggerrit@gmail.com](mailto:stoffberggerrit@gmail.com)), also manager/ Coach of the Durbanville Rugby Club. Mr Stofberg who is part of the racing pigeon community in Cape Town offered storage facilities to us for both the shoes & clothing as well as pigeon products. The longer term storage and distribution of Pigeon Clocks and trophies will also be done from a **WCRPC Resource Centre at this Club house** at 4 Njala Street, Welgemoed. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Mr Stofberg for his unconditional support and for the many times that we arrived to unpack stock at this house. We also appreciate the shelving that he is fitting at present for the easy handling of the clocks.

#### **SHOES AND CLOTHES:**

Once all stock was safely in storage, the distribution of the goods to a number of NGOs began. The network of NGOs that received goods are all directly involved with poor and disadvantaged communities (see below) and all these NGOs are reputable non-profit organisations. I wish to place on records that all goods were allocated to NGOs that are formally audited and all good were signed off as received. No goods, not a single pair of shoes,

were allocated to any members of the Foundation or the WCRPC or their families or any other person other than listed below. The integrity of this process has been ensured and documentation to this effect has been finalised and ready for any auditing purposes.

#### **PIGEON CLOCKS AND TROPHIES:**

All pigeon products including clocks and trophies have been handed over to Mr Erwin Wallendorf of the WCRPC who is presently doing an assessment and who will allocate clocks to technical teams for repairs where necessary. A public advertisement process is followed to ensure that all disadvantaged fanciers and youth clubs can apply for such support. All Racing Pigeon Clocks and Trophies are centrally kept and managed by Erwin at the following address: Gerrit Stoffberg (082 495 9555), 4 Njala Street, Goedemoed, Durbanville, 7500.

#### **BENEFICIARY DISTRIBUTION:**

Date	Beneficiary Organisation	Contact person	Number of goods	Comments.
11 and 13 May	<p><b>HABIBIA PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> 40 Johnston Road, Athlone</p> <p><b>Distributed to:</b>  <b>Gift of the Givers</b> (61 boxes of shoes and 4 clothing)  <b>Al Wagha – Deaf Society</b> (6 boxes)  <b>Doywal Women Abuse Shelter</b> (5)  <b>Habibia Child and Youth Centre</b> (5)  <b>Bonteheuvel Civic Association</b> (5)  <b>Habibia Primary School</b> (3)  <b>Hanover Park Civic Association</b> (6)  <b>Heinz Park – Mitchell’s Plain</b> (8)  <b>Ibaadur Rahman Soc Welfare</b> (11)  <b>Luthando Women’s Club</b> (10)  <b>Makhuza Children’s Centre</b> (5)  <b>Mustada’fin Foundation</b> (12)  <b>Place of Safety H’ver Park</b> (8 and 2 clothing boxes)  <b>Poverty Relief (PRECO)</b> (7)  <b>Searidge Park</b> (8)  <b>Sinikhatheza Oikodome Community Centre</b> (10)  <b>Slaves of the Merciful Society</b> (4)  <b>St Theresa Prayer Group</b> (3)  <b>The Oasis – Rylands</b> (6)</p>	Dr Anver Desai School Principal 082 895 3296 Desai.hbibia@gmail.com	191 boxes See NGO distribution	Dr Anver Desai (also Foundation Coordinator)  Various areas on Cape Flats
13 May	<b>WOMEN FOR PEACE</b>	Margaret	41 boxes	Nobantu Centre Mfuleni

	No 4 Church Street Mfuleni Gugulethu Soup Kitchen	GweGwe 072 974 6546 mgwegwe@web mail.co.za	mixed	and Simako Centre Gugulethu (Soup Kitchen)
14 May	<b>ARESTA</b> 3 Beverley Stret Athlone	Mr MG (BIG) Mbata 021 696 5764 071 183 8918	23 boxes	Refugees
14 May	<b>The ARK</b> 5 Old Faure Rd, Faure	Jack Mahoney Yves Locmant 076 127 3126	43 boxes mixed shoes	Homeless shelter and development programmes
13 & 14 May	<b>DURBANVILLE CHILDREN'S HOME</b> 1 Church Str Durbanville	Johanna Strauss Jana Cilliers 021 975 6822 jstrauss@ durbanvillekinder huis.org.za	18 boxes Mostly children's shoes	Orphans all ages.
13 May	<b>Lean on Me</b> 67 Springbok str Eerste River	Shawn Damone 081 741 1692	44 boxes (mixed)	Mfuleni, Eerste Rivier, Khaylitsha, Driftsands
13 May	<b>St Marks Methodist Church</b> Langkloofway, Edgemoed	Ryan Fernandez 021 558 9295 ryan@stmarksed gemead.org.za	14 boxes of shoes	Betheli Feeding Scheme, Joe Slovo, Du Noon Feeding Project.
14 May	<b>Durbell Rugby Club and Durbanville PPL (Pigeons club)</b>	Gerrit Stoffberg 082 495 9555 <a href="mailto:stoffberggerrit@gmail.com">stoffberggerrit@gmail.com</a> 4 Njala Road Wegemoed Durbanville	11 boxes Athlete dev Workers	Gerrit provides storage to all these goods. Rugby Club also beneficiary for youth development
8 to 15 May	<b>Western Cape Racing Pigeon Confederation</b>  The Container included: <b>149 Trophies</b> <b>29 Benzing Hand Clocks</b> <b>111 - 2 Dial Toulete Hand Clocks</b> <b>4 STV Clocks</b> <b>60 JUNIOR Manual Clocks</b> <b>71 JUNIOR Electronic clocks</b> <b>TOTAL Clocks 233</b>	Chairman Andrew Kruger 071 750 6827 <a href="mailto:andrew.kruger@wol.co.za">andrew.kruger@wol.co.za</a>  WCRPC Coordinator of Resource Centre (clocks and Trophies):	See detailed inventor y of clocks and trophies.	Erwin Wallendorf is s WCRPC Coordinator of Resource Centre (clocks and Trophies):  Serves Pigeon fanciers and clubs

		<p>Erwin Wallendorf 082 460 1468 <a href="mailto:erwin@bchip.co.za">erwin@bchip.co.za</a></p> <p><b>WCRPC RESOURCE CENTRE:</b></p> <p>Erwin Wallendorf and Gerrit Stofberg (082 495 9555) 4 Njala Street Goedemoed, Durbanville, 7500</p>	<p>nationally and Western Province</p>
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Note that a detailed inventory with signed-off Acknowledgement of goods receipts with contents per box (of the above) is available.

All of this is worthwhile when u look at the faces below 😊

Warm regards Christo

**END OF REPORT.**

Received from Durbanville Kinderhuis: Thank you for our lovely shoes! You are simply the best!



**Habibia School children in Athlone with new shoes.**



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