



"Leaders in Forestry Training"

Nursery Training in the Spotlight



JaBe Training and Consulting in association with **Kwamahlati Training Services cc.** have developed some exciting **nursery related training.**



James Ballantyne of JaBe has extensive experience both in Forestry and particularly Forestry-related Nursery production and training. James started his Forestry career at Sappi's Richmond Nursery in Kwa-Zulu Natal, where he worked as Nursery Manager.

He was then promoted to Forestry Manager at Sappi's Lothair Plantation in Mpumalanga where he was in charge of 22,500 Ha's and oversaw contractors working on all aspects of Plantation Management.

After a short stint as Manager at CPS Seedlings (a large vegetable and Forestry seedling producer near Greytown in the KZN Midlands), he went out consulting and offering training to the Nursery and forestry industry, utilizing his experience in these fields. James was a teacher at a Pietermaritzburg High School before he went into Forestry.

All courses offered are linked to the applicable SAQA unit standards, both in the Forestry industry (FIETA) and/or in the Horticulture SGB of Agriseta. Not all courses are registered with SAQA, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) still needs to be drawn up between Kwamahlati and AGRISETA, whereby courses offered based on or developed around the Unit Standards recognized by AGRISETA will accrue credits for individuals deemed competent after training.

JaBe has developed material specifically for the **Seedling Growing industry**, particularly in Kwa-Zulu Natal, Mpumalanga and the Eastern Cape.

These materials are included the following courses:

- Nursery related Hygiene
- Watering and Fertilization
- *Fusarium circinatum* Awareness – both for Commercial Nurseries and Holding Nursery staff
- Nursery Supervisors productivity course
- Blanking for Forestry nurseries
- Chemical Storeman course for Nursery staff
- Chemical spraying courses for nursery staff
- Health and Safety Representative in a Nursery environment



Above – James Ballantyne of JaBe with Landscaping sprayers on a Chemical Spraying course



Left – Patrick Gqwaru (Kwamahlali Trainings' nursery specialist trainer) explaining to staff at Sutherland Seedlings near Ixopo about *Fusarium circinatum* in Pine seedlings

Other course material currently being developed includes various **ISO 9001 (International Standard on Quality) work instruction** training for one of the large Corporate Companies in South Africa, and an **Intensive Nursery Supervisor course** dealing with all aspects of work in the nursery, and aimed at improving the level of Nursery Supervision.