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**Project Title:** Fasr Tracking the Development of Wheat Varieties with Improved Drought Tolerance

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### **Executive Summary**

This project was very successful in contributing to the development and fast tracking of elite drought tolerant germplasm. The project culminated in the release of Gladius and Espada wheat varieties which conservatively is expected to contribute more than \$24 million per annum to SA growers. Future variety releases are likely to arise from the defect elimination and synthetic hexaploid programs and only time will tell what value these developments will contribute to SA growers and the broader economy.