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and
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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
BOTSWANA**

ON COOPERATION

**IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND
LIVESTOCK**

FARMING

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa represented by the National Department of Agriculture and Land Affairs and the Government of the Republic of Botswana represented by the Ministry of Agriculture (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

TAKING into consideration that it is in the interest of the Parties to maintain and strengthen their relations through successful diversified cooperation in the field of agriculture;

RECOGNISING the importance of drawing up a joint agricultural development programme for the effective utilisation of resources of both countries in the field of agriculture and livestock farming, considering especially the potential of the two countries and the Southern Africa region;

RECOGNISING the necessity of developing the human resources of the two countries, with a view to supporting the joint effort in the development of agriculture and livestock;

CONSCIOUS that the support of agricultural development in the two countries could further the process of institutional co-operation between public sector entities that embrace and foster the agriculture and livestock sectors;

RECOGNISING the mutual benefits arising from this Agreement;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to strengthen collaboration and improve coordination in the field of agriculture and livestock farming between the Parties.

ARTICLE 2

Competent authorities

For the purpose of implementation of this Co-operation Agreement the competent authorities shall be -

- (a) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Botswana, the Ministry of Agriculture; and
- (b) on behalf of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the National Department of Agriculture and Land Affairs.

ARTICLE 3

Scope of application

- (1) For the purposes of commercial co-operation, the Parties shall endeavour to encourage Botswana and South African companies to intensify commercial exchanges between the two countries.
- (2) The commercial exchanges shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant domestic law and customs regulations in force in both countries.

ARTICLE 4

Areas of co-operation

- (1) The Parties shall co-operate in the following areas, without derogating from other fields of co-operation that could be considered in the future -
 - (a) trans-boundary animal and plant diseases and pests;
 - (b) food security;
 - (c) research development and technology transfer;
 - (d) agricultural goods and services marketing and trade;

- (e) new Partnership for African Development/Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme (NEPAD/CAADP).
- (2) The competent authorities shall facilitate the necessary support and facilities to implement joint programmes.
- (3) Identified fields of cooperation shall be detailed in the work programme of the Joint Ministerial Committee consisting of Senior Officials of both Parties.

ARTICLE 5

Institutional support

The co-operation activities between the Parties shall be developed in general in the form of technical assistance, laboratory support, information sharing, and training especially through -

- (a) exchange of technicians and researchers;
- (b) programmes on trans-boundary animal diseases and plant diseases and pests;
- (c) exchange of scientific and technical information in the field of agricultural research conducted in the two countries;
- (d) training involving courses, seminars, study tours and other necessary professional training;
- (e) development of common positions on regional and international issues affecting agriculture;
- (f) development of protocols on joint operations in the control of trans-boundary animal diseases and pests; and
- (g) exchange of information and conducting of joint programmes in support of the NEPAD agriculture strategy – Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme.

ARTICLE 6

Details of joint programmes

The Parties shall promote, through the relevant institutions, the establishment of joint programmes, the details of which shall include -

- (a) the objectives and duration of the proposals;