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Dear Honourable Minister,

REQUEST FOR AN URGENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINES BY ONDERSTEPOORT BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS (OBP)

Re: Vaccine availability from OBP

At a recent meeting of the National Animal Health Forum and the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries the current situation of availability of vaccines was again discussed.

Many of the vaccines are of critical importance to control diseases in South Africa.

Vaccine unavailability is preventing DAFF to effectively implement control of controlled animal diseases in South Africa. The situation has been raised during a visit by the NAHF to OBP was in November 2014. At each meeting of the NAHF where members of the OBP were present, the situation was brought to the attention of OBP.

The National Animal Health Forum would like to suggest that if the OBP is unable to deliver vaccines to the broader livestock industry we investigate sourcing vaccines from outside the borders of the Republic of South Africa.

The executive of the NAHF would like to suggest one last attempt to remedy this untenable situation by arranging a meeting with your office, the NAHF and OBP at the OBP facility, to find answers to the situation through a meeting with the CEO at OBP including a simultaneous site inspection.

We hope that this request meets with your approval and that the above meeting can be arranged within the next few weeks

The following members of the National Animal Health Forum support this urgent request for an independent investigation:

Red meat Producers Organisation (RPO)

NSPCA

University of Pretoria (UP)

SA Poultry Association

Ruminant Veterinary Association South Africa (RuVASA)

Equine Health Fund

AGRI SA

South African Ostrich Business Chamber (SAOBC)

Livestock Welfare Coordinating Committee (LWCC)

SAMPRO

Melk SA

RMIF

South African Pork Producers Organisation (SAPPO)

South African Veterinary Association (SAVA)

Cape Wools

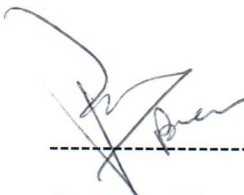
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Please feel free to contact us at the above address or telephone number at any time.

We thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,



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