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Dear Colleagues,

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PLACE FOR THE COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE (CCS) PROGRAMME

The Compulsory Community Service (CCS) programme aims to provide accessible and affordable veterinary services to under-served and poor resourced areas within South Africa. The programme will involve the deployment of newly qualified veterinarians across the entire country and will focus on disease prevention, rendering ambulatory services and providing education especially regarding responsible pet ownership, resource utilization and optimizing livestock production. This programme will offer the newly qualified veterinarian the opportunity to render their much needed service to rural areas and gain valuable experience and knowledge.

Veterinarians performing compulsory community service will not compete with the private sector, but will complement services delivered by all sectors in the veterinary fraternity. Clinical services rendered in respect of the compulsory community service programme shall be aimed at, but not limited to, exposing and promoting access to clinical veterinary services among communities not currently aware or making use of it.

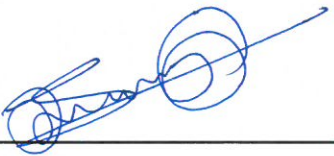
Compulsory community service will be centrally funded by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and CCS veterinarians will be the employees of DAFF. However, CCS veterinarians may be placed or seconded to any strategic partner such as Animal Welfare organizations, private practitioners, and other veterinary community outreach service providers in order to achieve the objectives of the programme.

Compulsory Community Service will begin in 2016 when the first cohort of newly graduated veterinarians will be deployed countrywide. Interested members of the veterinary profession who wish to make their facilities available for the placement of CCS veterinarians are invited

to apply for approval of their place for the placement of a CCS veterinarian by completing the online Application Form at <http://www.elsenburg.com/VetsService>. Alternatively the form can be downloaded, completed manually and returned to CCSApplications@elsenburg.com. Please note that the application must be submitted with a workplan for each CCS veterinarian. Please note that the basic requirements for application are South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) registration as a CCS place, availability of a suitably qualified primary mentor and/or secondary mentor for the duration of the CCS veterinarian's contract and detailed work plan for CCS candidates. The closing date for applications is the 20 March 2015. You are welcome to contact the relevant Provincial Veterinary Officer listed on the website with queries or concerns.

Thank you for your interest in the CCS programme.

Yours sincerely,

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