



## Media Release

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**Attention: News Editors / Agricultural writers**

### **THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL WELCOMES THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HONOURABLE MR JOHN STEENHUISEN AS THE NEW MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.**

Pretoria, The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) welcomes the appointment of the Honourable Mr. John Steenhuisen as the Minister of Agriculture. The ARC congratulates Minister Steenhuisen on his new role and looks forward to working with him to address the challenges and opportunities facing the agricultural sector.

The ARC is a leading research institution that plays a critical role in supporting the agricultural sector through innovation, research and development. The ARC Council, management, and all employees eagerly anticipate collaborating with Minister Steenhuisen to promote sustainable agricultural practices, provide robust support for smallholder farmers, and bolster efforts towards enhancing food security and ensuring access to nutritious food across South Africa.

Dr. Litha Magingxa, President and CEO of the ARC, said, "We look forward to a productive working relationship with Minister Steenhuisen and his team. We are excited about the opportunity to work alongside the minister in serving the people of South Africa."

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### ***Notes to the Editors***

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