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Departure of Agricultural Research Council CEO & President

Pretoria: The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) has announced that, effective from 31 July 2021, Dr. Shadrack Moephuli, the current CEO & President will leave the organisation when his third term of office at the helm of the ARC comes to an end.

Over the past 15 years, Dr. Moephuli has been instrumental and successful in carrying out the mandate and priorities of the organisation towards achievement of national objectives, including through the ARC's support and transformation of the agricultural sector by creating and fostering a culture of excellence in cutting-edge research, collaboration and innovation within the ARC and with stakeholders, both nationally and internationally.

Notably, has been the success of the ARC in scientific publications, development and release of new vaccines and cultivars that are essential for the success of agriculture for improved productivity. During his tenure, the ARC's flagship Professional Development Programme was scaled up from 50 students per annum to more than 200 postgraduates – that resulted in no less than 20 postgraduate degrees per annum.

Under various administrations, Dr. Moephuli has led and developed a committed team and leaves the ARC in a strong position for sustained and future growth.

The ARC Council would like to sincerely thank Dr. Moephuli for his staunch commitment, invaluable contribution and dedication for the past 15 years to the ARC and ensuring that the organisation achieves its mandate annually, broadened its international research and development footprint and continue to be financially sustainable with limited public funding and competitive private sector resources. His tireless efforts and hard-work for the realisation of the ARC's vision of "Excellence in research and innovation for sustainable agricultural systems and economic development" will continue to influence the direction of the organisation for the foreseeable future. The ARC will aspire to ensure that it continues to live up to this vision, and

its employees, must always ensure that they reflect on and respond to this vision all the time. It builds on the legacy of the ARC.

The Council wishes Dr. Moephuli the very best in his future endeavours.

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Notes to the Editors

About the Agricultural Research Council

The Agricultural Research Council is a premier science institution that conducts research with partners, develops human capital and fosters innovation in support of the agricultural sector. The ARC provides diagnostic, laboratory, analytical, agricultural engineering services, post-harvest technology development, agrochemical evaluation, consultation and advisory services, food processing technology services as well as various surveys and training interventions. For more information visit the ARC website at: www.arc.agric.za