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**THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL IS SADDENED BY THE PASSING OF FORMER PRESIDENT AND CEO, DR JONS TERBLANCHE.**

It is with profound sadness that the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) announces the passing of its esteemed former President and CEO, Dr. Jons Terblanche. Dr. Terblanche, who served at the helm of the ARC from 1993 to 1998, departed this morning, marking a somber day for both the agriculture and science sectors.

Dr. Terblanche's leadership during his tenure at the ARC was marked by dedication, innovation, and a tireless commitment to advancing agricultural research and science. His visionary approach contributed significantly to the growth and impact of the ARC, leaving an indelible mark on the organisation.

The entire ARC family expresses heartfelt condolences to Dr. Terblanche's family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. His legacy and contributions to the agriculture and science sectors will be remembered and cherished.

Dr. Litha Magingxa, the current President and CEO of the ARC, expressed his deep sorrow, saying, "Dr. Jon Terblanche's leadership played a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of the ARC. His vision and dedication have left an enduring impact, and he will be remembered as a stalwart in the fields of agriculture and science."

The ARC requests privacy for the Terblanche family during this time of grieving. Further details regarding memorial services and tributes will be communicated as they become available.

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