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Dear Stakeholder

This letter serves to confirm that the Witzenberg Partnerships in Agri Land Solutions (PALS) initiative is currently being considered at the highest levels of Government as a unique approach towards land reform in South Africa.

The initiative is indeed supported by Government as it encompasses economic growth, job creation and social harmony, build on sound partnerships, skills transfer and mentorship aimed at establishing black commercial farmers, as envisaged in the National Development Plan (NDP).

As appointed by the Director General for the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR), my role is currently to coordinate all the various interactions between Witzenberg PALS and the various Government departments. I am also appointed to advise Government on how to create an enabling environment for the success of the PALS framework as a private – public initiative as envisaged in the NDP.

Due to its aim to establish black commercial farmers, the PALS initiative strongly relies on the skills development training of the currently emerging black farmers, of which Government is highly supportive of the detailed assessments of individual beneficiaries, which includes among others, psychometric testing, personal development plans, directors and trustees training, as well as financial management training of the beneficiaries in the different projects.

Your support and contribution towards the PALS initiative will indeed contribute to creating a more transformed and inclusive rural economy, as envisaged in the National Development Plan.

For more information on Government's interaction with the PALS initiative, please contact my office at 012-341 1115 or, alternatively contact Lennox or Izak at 023-316 1191.

I hope you find this in order.

Yours faithfully

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