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Welcome letter 4th Global Feed & Food Congress in Sun City, South Africa, April 2013

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 4th Global Feed & Food Congress (GFFC) organized by the International Feed Industry Federation (IFIF), with technical support by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and proudly hosted by AFMA, the Animal Feed Manufacturers Association of South Africa.

We are absolutely delighted that the GFFC will be held for the first time on the African continent on 10-12 April 2013 in Sun City, South Africa and we are honored that Ms. Tina Joemat-Pettersson, South Africa's Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries will open our proceedings on Wednesday morning, 10 April 2013.

The theme for the 4th GFFC 'Safe Feed & Food for All' links to the global challenge to feed 9 billion people by 2050 and to do so sustainably. I believe this theme reflects the aspiration of the whole feed & food value chain and I know that IFIF's and in fact our industry view on Sustainability matches this aspiration: 'produce more, using less, at an affordable cost to the consumer.'

The 4th GFFC will bring together over 500 international delegates from across the agri-food chain as well as an excellent line up of over 80 international speakers, including global leaders, dignitaries, and participants from civil society, academia and industry. The discussions will cover the whole feed manufacturing and food processing value chain, with a special focus on Feed and Food Safety, Food Security, Technology, and Sustainability. As you can see from our ambitious and varied agenda, the GFFC can rightly claim to be the leading global platform to discuss critical feed and food issues.

Since the Global Feed & Food Congress was first launched in 2005 by IFIF together with the FAO, we have held three very strong events, with our last Congress in Cancun, Mexico, in 2010. Our aim, together with the FAO and our regional partners, has always been to provide a global platform for industry, experts and governments to come together to discuss critical issues of food and feed safety, technology and sustainability. In this certainly, the last Congresses have succeeded brilliantly and we are proud to say that the Congress has established itself as the leading global event of its kind.

I have absolutely no doubt that the 4th Global Feed & Food Congress in Sun City will not only meet the high standards set in the past, but will surpass them. I want to thank Loutjie Dunn, AFMA Chairman and the whole team here for putting on such a great event in such a wonderful venue. Thank you also to De Wet Boshoff, Executive Director AFMA and Chair of the GFFC Organizing Committee for his dedicated work over the last 2 years to make this event a reality.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the FAO for all their support, which has gone into the organization of this Congress, in particular Dr. Berhe Tekola and his team at the Animal Production and Health Division, many of whom will be with us at the Congress.

Thank you to all our amazing sponsors and exhibitors who recognize the value of being involved and present at such an international and cross disciplinary event.

Thank you also to all our IFIF members, especially our Board of Directors, for their support and dedication of the GFFC, as well as the continued support of IFIF's mission as the voice of the global feed industry as an essential participant in the food chain that provides sustainable, safe and nutritious food.

Finally I would like to thank Alexandra de Athayde, IFIF's Executive Director, for all her excellent and tireless efforts and her leadership to make this one of the best GFFC's ever.

All of us look forward to excellent discussions with you and I encourage you to participate and feedback as much as possible to ensure your voice is heard during and after the event. Thank you in advance for your involvement and should you have any questions or comments in the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me at info@ifif.org.

Yours sincerely,



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