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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

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We the undersigned agencies and individuals hereby express our intention to participate and collaborate, in so far as our resources in time and funds allow us to, in the development and execution of the AHEAD-GLTFCA programme on sustaining animal health and ecosystem services in the Greater Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area.

More specifically the overall long term objective of this programme is to:

Facilitate development and conservation success in the GLTFCA through integrated understanding based on innovative inter-disciplinary applied research, monitoring and surveillance at the interface between wild and domestic animal health, ecosystem goods and services, and human livelihoods and wellbeing.

The programme to which we refer is more fully outlined in the widely circulated concept paper developed by the AHEAD-GLTFCA Working Group in March 2004 entitled "*Sustaining animal health and ecosystem services in large landscapes – 2nd Draft*". The planned programme is outlined in the attached ANNEX in the form of an *Objectives Tree*.

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