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TO: THE CHAIRPERSON AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF SARDA

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Dear Dawn and the SARDA Team,

RE: Endorsement of SARDA's Long Ride Fund Raising Project and Collaboration on developing an international repository (database) of historical and current knowledge regarding Equine Assisted Services.

During our recent Erasmus + meeting that was held in Ireland from 17 to 20 November 2021, we were privileged to host SARDA's Brand Ambassador Steven Lukey, who spent valuable time sharing your projects and ideas with our team.

We are extremely impressed by your passion and audacious efforts to save such an important South African and African institution. We are proud to support SARDA as a long-term esteemed Federation member of HETI, The Federation of Horses in Education and Therapy International, which represents members from 45 countries worldwide.

Regarding your Long Ride – Lighting Up Africa Project, we believe that it presents an innovative approach to create awareness about equine assisted services (EAS), and that it aligns beautifully with HETI's mission to connect, communicate and collaborate. It will be a big impact project, involving technology, training and coaching (on the ground and online). This pilot is scalable across the world and within our membership.

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The stories and data you will be able to collect on the route of this amazing ride would be valuable for research in the field of EAS. In this light HETI is excited to endorse your project, and we wish to explore ways we can assist you as you develop the next phase.

Steven informed us of your progress in obtaining the Media Partner, and in pro-active discussions with Google to endorse your event. He and representatives of HETI brainstormed the possibility of collaborating on developing an International Database of our collective work that has spanned close to 50 years. A single source, easily accessible repository of the vast amount of research and publication material, proceedings of International Congresses starting in 1974 and copies of articles of our peer reviewed journal since 1994, amongst others, would substantially assist researchers, practitioners, students and recipients of equine assisted services.

HETI believes that SARDA's projects could be presented at the next HETI XVIII. International Congress to be held in Hungary in 2024.

We are delighted to continue our discussions and where possible, to lend our input and support to the above projects. We suggest publishing an article in our Global Gallop Publication which could raise additional interest and support.

We wish you all the greatest of success and look forward to meeting again in January 2022.

Best Regards,

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