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RMIS and Biogénesis Bagó Announce Strategic Collaboration to Strengthen Foot-and-Mouth Disease Response in South Africa

Pretoria, 16 July 2026 — Red Meat Industry Services (RMIS) and Biogénesis Bagó South Africa (BB) have entered into a strategic collaboration to support the livestock sector in the prevention and management of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), one of the most significant challenges affecting animal health, trade, and food security.

The cooperation is part of RMIS's broader work to support the red meat industry in strengthening its response to FMD, improving coordination across the value chain, and ensuring that producers and veterinarians have access to the tools, information and support they need to manage the disease effectively. By working alongside animal health partners such as Biogénesis Bagó, RMIS aims to help the industry act faster, respond better, and reduce the impact of FMD on producers.

The partnership brings together RMIS's extensive network across the red meat value chain and Biogénesis Bagó's scientific expertise in animal health, establishing a framework for collaboration focused on strengthening disease preparedness and response through science and field-based solutions.

Through this initiative, the parties will support vaccination and disease prevention efforts, contribute to epidemiological monitoring and data sharing, develop training and awareness programs for producers and veterinarians and finally, generate field-based insights to support informed decision-making.

"Our focus is on helping the industry address FMD as efficiently as possible. By connecting industry stakeholders with technical expertise, we aim to strengthen awareness, preparedness, and practical response capabilities across the value chain," said Dewald Olivier, CEO of RMIS.

By combining scientific capabilities with industry reach, the initiative is designed to enhance coordination, improve on-the-ground response, and support more resilient and sustainable livestock production.

"For Biogénesis Bagó, this collaboration reflects the importance of working across the value chain to address complex animal health challenges through science and cooperation in South Africa", said Daniel Helou, Biogénesis Bagó Regional Director.

The initiative complements ongoing efforts within South Africa's animal health ecosystem and contributes to a more coordinated and informed approach to managing FMD.

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About Biogénesis Bagó

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Biogénesis Bagó is a global leader biotechnology company in animal health, productivity, and welfare. The company develops, manufactures, and markets world-class products to protect animal health status. It plays a key role in preventing zoonotic diseases and ensuring food production safety. Biogénesis Bagó is recognized as a global leader in the prevention and control of foot-and-mouth disease and is one of the leading suppliers of canine and feline rabies vaccine, with the capacity to respond immediately to animal health emergencies worldwide.

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About RMIS:

Red Meat Industry Services (RMIS) is a non-profit company established to administer the statutory levy on red meat in South Africa. Working alongside government and member commodity organisations, RMIS implements industry-wide projects across the full value chain, from producers to feedlots and abattoirs. These projects cover animal health interventions, the national traceability platform, market access initiatives and transformation programmes, all aimed at building a resilient, competitive and future-ready red meat industry.

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