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23 August 2005

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**RE: Confirmation Of Farming Activities On Doonside Farm Zvimba  
District By Mark Hook**

This letter seeks to confirm that Mark Hook ID No. 70-066743-C-00 is residing on Doonside farm and is co-existing with A1 settlers on this farm. He is looking after the infrastructure on this farm. He is into seed production for the following crops :

- (a) Maize
- (b) Seed Potato
- (c) Seed Sorghum
- (d) Seed Tobacco
- (e) Foundation seed maize.
- (f) Cattle production

He also grows Virginia tobacco and commercial maize.

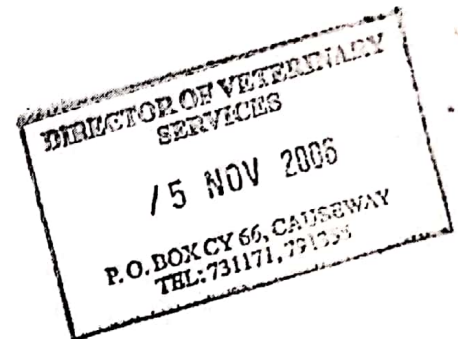
May you feel free to assist him in anyway.

Thank you

***F Chikomba***  
***Acting Chief Land Officer***  
***Mashonaland West***

5<sup>th</sup> November 2006

The Secretary  
Ministry of Lands, Land Reforms and Resettlement



Attention Mr N Masoka

**PEDIGREE CATTLE BREEDER MR M HOOK DOONSIDE FARM  
MUTORASHANGA**

Mr M Hook is a breeder of pedigree cattle. At present he is running 200 registered Beefmaster cattle and 12 registered Boran cattle. He also has 600 F1 to F4 grade animals that are being improved, making a total of 800 head of cattle.

Currently he is co-existing with A1 and surrounding A2 farmers from whom he leases grazing as he no longer has any land for himself. Mr Hook is well supported on the ground by the Chiefs, the local community and the Governors Office. However the farming of cattle has become very difficult for him due to stock theft and damage and theft of fencing.

As you are aware the pedigree cattle forms the seed stock from which we can rebuild our national herd and to improve the quality of our cattle. It is therefore important that the pedigree herd remains intact and efforts are made to allow Mr Hook to continue to breed his cattle.

It would be appreciated if you could look into the situation of Doonside farm, Mutorashanga, and review the allocation of land on that property.

I thank you for any assistance you can give to Mr Hook.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hargreaves".

**Dr. S.K. Hargreaves**  
Principal Director Livestock and Veterinary Services

