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The Milk Producers' Organisation (MPO) Appoints Renowned Veterinarian, Prof Dietmar Holm, to lead the Animal Health and Welfare Project

The Milk Producers' Organisation (MPO) is proud to announce the appointment of Prof Dietmar Holm as Chief Veterinarian of the MPO to lead the organisation's Animal Health and Welfare Project of Milk SA as Project Manager. A highly respected veterinarian, researcher and academic, Prof Holm brings decades of experience that will further strengthen the South African Dairy Industry and bring greater support to South Africa's dairy producers.

Prof Holm joins the MPO following a distinguished academic and professional career at the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort, where he is appointed as full professor in dairy herd health and recently served as Deputy Dean for Teaching and Learning.

After qualifying as a veterinarian in 1998, Prof Holm spent five years in private practice before returning to Onderstepoort to pursue an academic career. He obtained both an MSc (cum laude) and a PhD in Veterinary Science and is a registered specialist in Bovine Herd Health with the South African Veterinary Council.

Widely recognised both nationally and internationally, Prof Holm has made significant contributions to veterinary science, veterinary education and applied research. His expertise spans practical, clinical dairy and beef herd health, cattle reproduction, disease management, biosecurity and sustainable livestock production. He has supervised numerous postgraduate students, published extensively in scientific journals, and has played an important role in South Africa's response to major animal health challenges, including foot and mouth disease.

Prof Holm joins the MPO at a pivotal time for the dairy industry, as animal health, disease preparedness, biosecurity and sustainable production remain key priorities. His expertise and inputs will support the MPO's ongoing efforts to equip dairy producers with the knowledge, innovation and scientific leadership needed to address current challenges while preparing for those of the future.

The appointment reflects the commitment of the South African Dairy Industry to invest in world class expertise that creates lasting value for its members. With Prof Holm's leadership, the organisation is well positioned to advance collaborative research, strengthen industry partnerships and promote sustainable, science driven solutions that will contribute to a resilient, competitive and prosperous South African dairy industry.

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