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**Attention: News Editors / Agricultural writers**

**The Agricultural Research Council is a finalist at the Vision 2030 Awards: South Africa's future makers**

**Pretoria:** The annual Vision 2030 Awards have announced their 2019 finalists. The winners will be announced tomorrow, 20 November 2019 at Emperors Palace in Ekurhuleni. The awards recognise the achievements and success stories of organisations, enterprises and individuals that are actively demonstrating alignment to the government's Nine-Point Plan to boost economic growth and achieve the milestones set by the National Development Plan (NDP).

This nomination places the ARC at the forefront of national development and reinforces the importance of private and public sector support for and commitment to the National Development Plan.

The overwhelming number of nominations for the various categories of the awards cast a positive glow on the future of South Africa and showcases the commitment of both the public and private sectors to the NDP.

With categories such as the Science and Technology, Infrastructure Development Award, SMME Award and the Driver for Change Award, the Vision 2030 Awards are all encompassing when it comes to recognising champions of the National Development Plan.

Leading by example, the winners showcased by the Awards will inspire their sector peers, and stakeholders nationwide to pledge commitment to the NDP – not in words alone but also in actions that move the nation forward.

The awards, and the accompanying Vision 2030 Summit, draw together a host of business and government leaders to have crucial representation from all key decision-makers because it is only through extensive Public-Private Partnerships, we believe, that South Africa by 2030, will have become the country envisioned by the National Development Plan.

'The Vision 2030 Awards and Summit help connect business and government, by identifying and sharing best practices of leading companies and organisations that have implemented successful development and investment projects and can clearly demonstrate success with measurable returns to stakeholders in relation to projects aligned to the NDP,' says Dr Shadrack Moephuli.

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***Notes to the Editors***

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