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## RESEARCH CAPABILITIES of OABS DEVELOPMENT (PTY) LTD

This letter serves to confirm that OABS Development (Pty) Ltd was sub-contracted through a Water Research Commission (WRC) research agreement with the University of Cape Town and the Agricultural Research Council. Staff of OABS Development (Pty) Ltd formed part of multi-disciplinary research teams, who conducted primary research related to agricultural water use issues. Recently completed studies are the following:

- Adaptive Interventions in Agriculture to Reduce Vulnerability of Different Farming Systems to Climate Change in South Africa (2011 – 2016)
- Development of technical and financial norms and standards for drainage of irrigated lands (2012 – 2016)

The research work was carried out diligently in accordance with the terms of the contract and all required deliverables were completed within time and budget. In this process, the staff of OABS Development (Pty) Ltd demonstrated a high level of expertise and professionalism. Based on this proven track record, I therefore commend this company for its contribution to research on agricultural water management and related service delivery.

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