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PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN RPO AND PERITUM AGRI STRENGTHENS

The partnership between the Red Meat Producers' Organisation (RPO) and Peritum Agri Institute (formerly BathoPele) with regards to the national diploma in animal production was strengthened at the congress of the national RPO where the official contract between the two organisations were signed.

The diploma in animal production is an accepted national qualification and is registered as a NQF-5 level qualification with SAQA. The course is unique in itself as it is spread over 18 months. Although no formal examination is taken at the end of the course, the assignments submitted by the students are subject to strict assessment which does not make the qualification an easy task. Good feedback from students who passed the course was obtained. The diploma qualification offers students who for some reason cannot complete a formal course at an university, an alternative to obtaining a qualification in animal production. The course also offers students the opportunity to obtain a formal degree qualification by means of a bridging course.

The RPO is committed to the partnership with Peritum Agri Institute and will also assist students in the field of in-service training.

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