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## AGRO-PROCESSING SUPPORT SCHEME (APSS) GUIDELINES - INTERPRETATION NOTE 01/2022

**SUBJECT : INTERPRETATION OF PROGRAMME GUIDELINES**

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### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This Interpretation Note serves to provide clarity on the provisions of the Agro-Processing Support Scheme (APSS) guidelines as detailed in section 6 below.

### 2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Section 6.1: The scheme offers a reimbursable grant of between twenty percent (20%) up to a thirty percent (30%) cost sharing grant to a maximum of **twenty million rand (R20 million)** over a two (2) year investment period, with the last claim to be submitted within six (6) months after the final approved milestone.

Section 6.1 has been interpreted as follows:

- 6.1 The scheme offers a reimbursable grant of between twenty percent (20%) up to a thirty percent (30%) cost sharing grant to a maximum of twenty million rand (R20 million) over a two (2) year investment period, with the last claim to be submitted within six (6) months after the final approved milestone. Twenty percent (20%) for projects that have a qualifying investment above R10 million and thirty percent (30%) for projects that have a qualifying investment below R10 million.
- 2.2 Section 7.3.1: The investment in buildings must not exceed the qualifying investment in machinery, equipment (owned or capitalised financial lease), tools, forklifts and is limited to a maximum grant amount of two million Rand (R2 million).

Section 7.3.1 has been interpreted as follows:

- 7.3.1 Where an applicant is operating in a leased building and incurs costs to improve the building in order to bring it to a condition fit for purposes of the operational needs of the business or any improvements deemed a necessity for the facility, such leasehold improvements may qualify as Buildings as per Section 7.3 of the APSS guidelines. However, leasehold improvements will only be considered for support by APSS on condition they are capitalised in the Balance Sheet, costs incurred on improvements will be disqualified if they are expensed in the Income Statement.