



**SAEF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS  
AMOUNTING TO R119 360 WILL BE  
WELL SPENT**

EHF thanks the SAEF members for their contribution, through horse registration levies, towards the fight against African horse sickness. These funds have been paid directly to the Equine Research Centre and will be used for African horse sickness surveillance in the AHS infected zone of South Africa, with the aim being to document the AHS virus types circulating in the infected area. The total budget for 2016 for this ongoing project is R200 000. In the project, incurred samples collected from horses showing clinical signs indicative of AHS are subjected to investigation. Results of these tests are reported directly to the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) for incorporation in their official reports of AHS occurrence in South Africa. A total of 411 cases have been opened as part of this study since 1 September 2015, and these included examination of samples from in excess of 600 horses. (Each African horse sickness season runs from 1 September – 31 August.)