



Summary of the 16th Board Meeting of DEERresearch Ltd Wednesday 7 December 2006, Landcorp Farming Ltd, Wellington

AGENDA

1. Apologies
 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (4 October 2006)
 3. Matters Arising
 4. Register Update
 - a. Interests
 - b. Intellectual Property
 5. Financial Report
 6. Verbal update of FRST announcement on 4 December
 7. Industry funds allocation and confirmation of co-funding
 8. Governance structure
 9. Process for calls for expressions of interest for contestable funding (if any) for 2007/08
 10. Process for (re-)appointing directors (processors and universities reps)
 11. General business
 12. Suggested Meeting Dates and Calendar of Key Events
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Present

- C Isaacs (Chairman), G Barrell, N Beatson, P Benfell, M Buick, G Keeley, M O'Connor

Attending

- L Fung, G Asher and J Archer – AgResearch (for Agenda Items 1 – 8)

Matters Arising

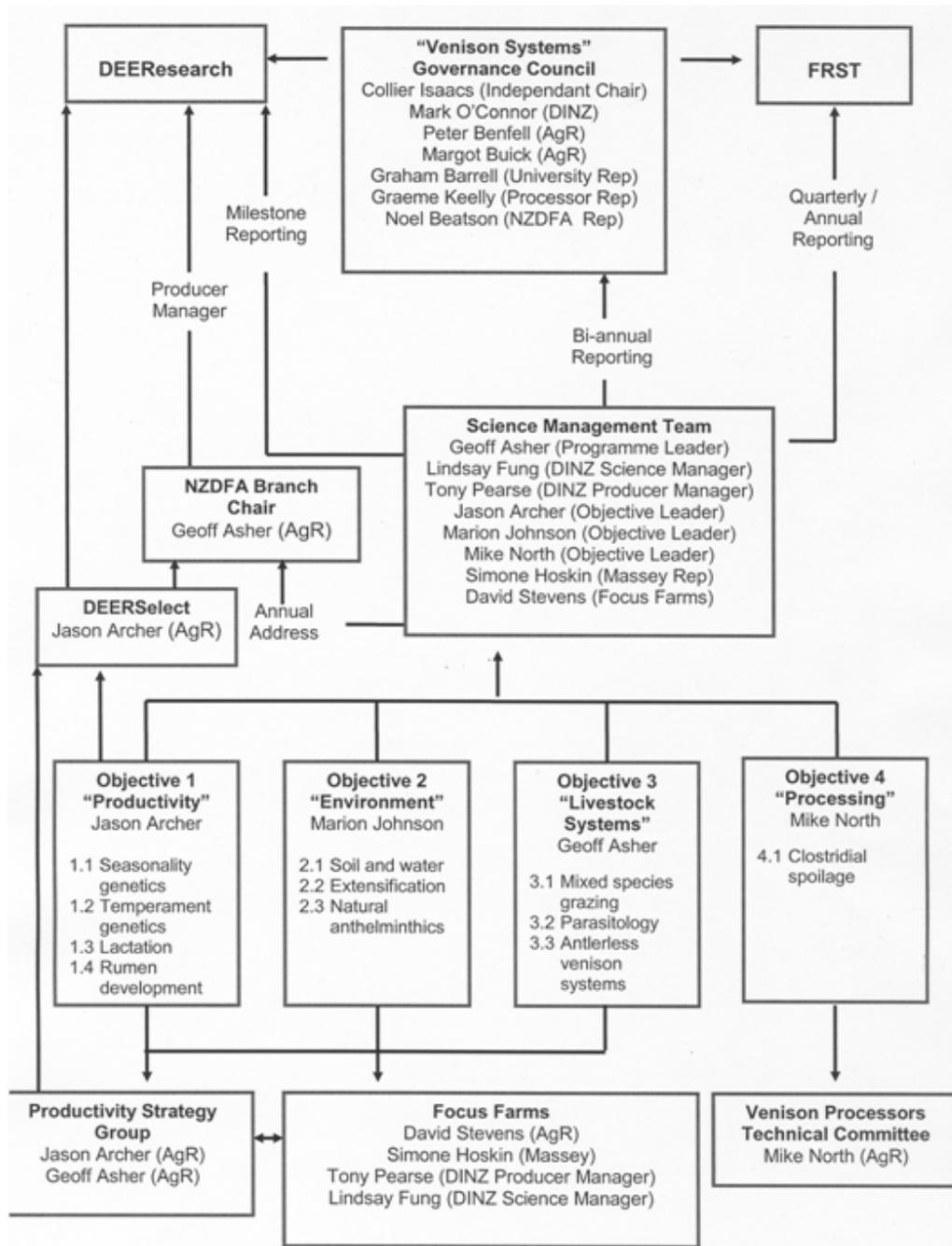
- Project 20: *Blown packs require confirmation of EU acceptability.* Ongoing.
- *Obtain list of MWNZ research on Market Access and Development.* Ongoing.
- *Prepare licence agreement for DEERSelect.* Awaiting decision on ownership of software. Ongoing.

Verbal Update of FRST Announcement on 4 December

- The existing FRST contract with AgResearch finishes on 30 September 2007.
- The funding process consists of two steps:
 - i) Three-page concept sketch (this stage oversubscribed by a factor of five).
 - ii) Full proposal (this stage oversubscribed by a factor of two).
- The concept sketch for “Venison Systems” has been accepted in its entirety and will proceed to a full proposal seeking \$1.9M (incl GST) *p.a.* for 5.75 years.
- Process for full proposal:
 - i) AgResearch and collaborators will develop the full proposal over January.
 - ii) DEEResearch needs final sign-off before final proposal is submitted (teleconference in early February 2007).
 - iii) Input also required from the Productivity Working Group, Processors and Marketing Managers, DINZ Sub-committee.
- Linkage with Pastoral 21 research is needed.
- Processing objective requires further development, needs input from a lateral/diverse group. Formal survey for red meat conducted by MIRINZ Inc which involved individual interviews with processors. A less formal survey for venison processors should be done by mid January.

Proposed Governance Model for the “Venison Systems” Programme

- Proposed "Governance Council" (as the FRST contract will still be with AgResearch) represented by the DEEResearch Board.
- A Science Management Team (comprised of AgResearch, University and DINZ representatives) will report to the Governance Council.



The Board made the following revisions:

- Review the science strategy annually (as opposed to every three years)
- The Governance Council could invite key stakeholders to attend bi-annual update meetings with the Science Management Team and co-opt other members for key input at its discretion.
- Information flow was in two directions between the various stakeholder groups.

- Technology transfer including 'learning packages' is to be a major component of the model.
- Presentations from the Science management Team may also be sought for the industry FGM and other major events.

Process for Calls for Expressions of Interest for Contestable Funding for 2007/08

- Following the decision for Agenda Item 7, it was agreed that contestable funding would not be offered for 2007/08. There was support for post-graduate operating expenses to be made available on an as required basis.

Process for (Re-) Appointing Directors

The fifth, sixth and seventh directors have all served for over three years.

For the Fifth Director (Independent Chair):

- DINZ and DFA directors would have to consult with their constituent bodies.
- AgResearch directors approve the re-appointment of Collier Isaacs.

For the Sixth Director (Tertiary Institutes):

- Call for nominations to be undertaken by DINZ Executive (close 31 January 2007).
- Shareholder directors and Chair re-appoint Sixth Director in early February 2007.

For the Seventh Director (Processors):

- Defer re-appointment for one year to avoid wholesale change in the Board.
- Adopt similar process as for Sixth Director (call for nominations from venison industry).

General Business

- Updates requested from the larger AgResearch Johne's disease vaccination programme (programme leader Geoff de Lisle), which contains the DEERResearch project 6.03 (Diagnosis, epidemiology and control of Johne's in deer).

Suggested Meeting Dates and Calendar of Key Events

- Next meeting scheduled for the first week of February 2007 (teleconference) to sign off the full proposal prior to submission to FRST.
- Full proposal draft by 31 January 2007 (to send out to DEERResearch Board)