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FAX TRANSMISSION

Please reply to Fax No: +44 (0) 1483 232621 TO: FROM: DATE: 15.8.2008 FAX NO: CC: **FAX NO: PAGES:** 2 RE: Strain differentiation results Dear Strain differentiation results for serotype SAT2 FMD virus isolates received from Botswana. The following r_1 values were recently obtained by VNT at the WRL. r₁ Values by VNT **SAT2** Eritrea SAT2 Bot 11/08 0.16 Yours sincerely

In the case of neutralisation:

 $r_1 = \geq 0.3$. Suggests that there is a close relationship between field isolate and vaccine strain. A potent vaccine containing the vaccine strain is likely to confer protection.

 $r_1 = < 0.3$. Suggests that the field isolate is so different from the vaccine strain that the vaccine is unlikely to protect.