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Memorandum of Understanding between the Confederation of Hunter's Associations of South Africa (CHASA) and the South African Gunowners' Association (SAGA)

This Memorandum of Understanding seeks to further the longstanding co-operation and coordination between the South African Gunowners' Association (SAGA) and the Confederation of Hunting Associations of South Africa (CHASA) in the achievement of mutual goals.

CHASA is an umbrella body representing associations that have specific interests in hunting, shooting, conservation, firearm collection and related areas. It is governed by a board made up of individuals from its member associations on a representative basis and is managed by an Executive Committee (CHASA Exco) and an appointed manager. Its activities and methods are determined by a Constitution and specific policies.

SAGA is a non-profit, non-party-political Trust representing the firearm ownership and use interests of its members who are made up of individuals. Supportive bodies such as shooting clubs, hunting and conservation associations, businesses, etc are welcomed as Corporate Members. SAGA is governed by a Board of Trustees -- its activities and methods are guided by its Trust Deed wherein its purpose is stated as being –
"to protect and promote the interest of owners of firearms in South Africa and to encourage safety and responsibility in the ownership of firearms".

It is evident that both parties have a common interest in ensuring the continuance of legitimate, legal firearm ownership in South Africa, service delivery by authorities to our members and to the public and of not compromising each other's interests.

While cooperation and coordination between organizations can involve a wide range of activities, this Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to constrain either Party's freedom to operate as it deems advisable or finds necessary in order to protect and promote the just interests, rights, or concerns of its members and in no way restricts either Party from entering similar agreements with other public or private agencies, organizations, or individuals.

This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to constitute a legally enforceable contract or to create any rights or obligations that are legally enforceable. It is intended to be binding in honour only.

The general principles upon which this Memorandum of Understanding is based are the maintenance of good working relations between the Parties, underpinned by good communication in both directions. Such a collaborative relationship should assist, streamline or co-ordinate the Parties' effective dealings with government, other associations, other bodies, or individuals - whether local, national or international - for the benefit of the each Parties' members.

Each party will carry out its relevant activities in a coordinated and mutually beneficial manner and confirm their commitment to consult and exchange information on matters of mutual interest in a timely and helpful manner.

SAGA and CHASA and their representatives, officials, agencies and offices will handle and document their own activities and utilize their own resources, including the expenditure of funds, in pursuing joint objectives and/or projects.

Either Party may terminate this arrangement with a 60-day written notice to the other.

SIGNED AT EAST LONDON ON THIS 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2011



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