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**The Managing Director
Biotrans Pole Sleeves (Pty) Ltd**

Dear Dr Baecker

PROGRESS REPORT: EISENBURG EXPERIMENTAL VINEYARD

The poles planted with the Biotrans Pole Sleeves were inspected on 15 October 2015. On initial observation, the poles look weathered and showing signs of ageing, but upon closer inspection it is still solidly planted in the soil and shows no signs of rot above ground. It is not obvious that these poles have been there for 18 years, as other poles planted much later already have indications of rot.

Sincerely yours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S Hendrikse", written over a horizontal line.

**S HENDRIKSE
FACULTY MANAGER: VITICULTURE AND OENOLOGY**

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