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Dr. Walter Kloeck
Resuscitation Council of Southern Africa
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Northcliff, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2115

Re: Letter of Support for the RCSA from the AHA

Dear Dr. Kloeck:

The American Heart Association (AHA) Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC) Committee and staff recognizes the Resuscitation Council of Southern Africa (RCSA) as a founding member of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) and for its long time contributions to and support of the development of International Consensus on CPR and ECC. The RCSA remains a current contributor to the development of AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC, and has endorsed and adopted the AHA guidelines as the minimum standard for resuscitation in Southern Africa.

As a member of ILCOR, the RCSA has promoted resuscitation awareness and training in South Africa and other parts of Africa and beyond. Over the past 14 years, the RCSA has developed a strong and reputable training infrastructure, based on the AHA's organizational structures, training systems and resources. The RCSA is recognized as a major international player in resuscitation training and education with robust systems and policies guiding their network, where quality has always been paramount.


As a well-established and highly regarded International Training Center (ITC), the RCSA utilizes AHA course materials to conduct high quality training in Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). Members of the RCSA have provided input during AHA product development in the past, and will be important contributors to the 2010 Consensus on CPR and ECC Science and Treatment Recommendations process. The RCSA has issued a co-logoed AHA certification card for many years, evidencing their good standing with the AHA, and continues to be a valued distributor of AHA materials and cards in Southern Africa.

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Since 1995, the RCSA has been regarded as the custodian of international resuscitation standards and AHA principles and practice in Southern Africa. The AHA, supports and applauds the RCSA in its continuous pursuit of activities that ensure the highest quality guidelines in resuscitation, the translation of those guidelines into training towards the goal of improved patient outcomes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MCB", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael C. Bell
Executive Vice President of ECC Programs

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