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LSS HOSTS VISIT BY KAZAKHSTAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE DELEGATION

Livestock Shipping Service, with Export-Trade and ITS Global, hosted a delegation from the Kazakhstan Ministry of Agriculture from 13-20 September 2014. The delegation was led by the Deputy Minister for Agriculture Ms Gulmira Issayeva and included senior officials from the Kazakhstan Ministry of Agriculture.

The delegation hosted by LSS focussed on improving their knowledge and understanding of Australia's livestock operations and the live animal export industry. During the visit, the delegation met with the Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, the Hon Richard Colbeck; Dr Mark Schipp, Chief Veterinary Officer in the Australian Department of Agriculture, and senior officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The delegation also toured saleyards, beef and dairy farms in Victoria, the Animal Health Laboratory in Geelong, and viewed a demonstration of the Australian National Livestock Identification System. The delegation was particularly interested in gathering information on animal health systems, traceability, livestock exchange operations and support for small-scale farms.

"It was a great privilege to host Minister Issayeva and facilitate visits to farms and facilities throughout New South Wales and Victoria. Minister Issayeva and her colleagues were very interested in understanding Australia's best-practice live animal exports' regime, and how it might be applied in Kazakhstan," said Mr Ahmad Ghosheh, Managing Director, LSS Australia.

Kazakhstan currently imports cattle from Australia, and in 2013 LSS exported 3,000 category 1 Angus heifers to Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan wishes to build its national beef and dairy cattle herd, so it can become an exporter in the future. The visit by this delegation in September was part of an ongoing knowledge exchange supported by LSS.

LSS is an Australian company based in Perth, Western Australia. Established in 1998, LSS delivers best-practice animal live export services to a range of customers around the globe. LSS globally, has over 20 years' experience in the animal live export market, is a member of the Australian Live Export Council, Meat & Livestock Australia and Livecorp, and a corporate member and sponsor of the Pastoralists and Graziers Association of Western Australia. LSS employs 120 staff throughout Australia within its export business, farms, feedlots and abattoirs.

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