WILDLIFE RANCHING SOUTH AFRICA

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR WILDLIFE RANCHING

1. PRE-AMBLE

As a member of Wildlife Ranching South Africa, I will act as an ambassador for the wildlife ranching industry, and hereby agree to support the principles and abide by its Code of Conduct.

2. THE RANCHER'S COMMITMENT

2.1 Comply with all applicable laws, jurisprudence, codes, rules and regulatory requirements in general, and specifically those relating to wildlife ranching and the environmental, social, market behaviour and the wellbeing of stakeholders.

2.2 Provide and maintain **fit-for-purpose** ranching facilities, related to one or more of the following:

(i) sustainable game production and utilization factoring in the **ecology, economy** and **socio-cultural** aspects that would facilitate meat production, hunting and fishing;
(ii) preserving and fostering the condition of game for hunting;
(iii) eco-tourism and/or;
(iv) environmental conservation.

2.3 Apply humane live game capturing, slaughtering and culling practices of game during meat production processes.

2.4 Assertively prevent any cross-breeding of species and destroy any animal which may result from unintended cross-breeding.

2.5 Be an activist for the principle of sustainable utilization of all natural resources on the ranch.

2.6 Apply all practical and economical measures to mitigate against the degradation of the ecology and natural environment.

2.7 Participate in programs aimed at the conservation and protection of endangered animal and plant species in the surrounding environments.

2.8 Nominate a **compliance officer** for the ranch in respect of hunting, meat production, eco-tourism, conservation and to prevent the degradation of land resources.

3. HUNTING

3.1 With regard to all types of hunting, the rancher will **assertively promote** and **ensure**:

3.1.1 the development and maintenance of an economically sound hunting strategy for time- and area & branch-specific hunting and continuous monitoring of the effects of hunting;
3.1.2 adhere to all written and unwritten hunting codes, regulation and practices, including the prescribed procedures applicable to the specific ranch;
3.1.3 hunting with compassion and discretion;
3.1.4 employment of humane hunting practices at all times;
3.1.5 hunting is orientated to the well-being of the game; and is practiced with as little pain for the animal as possible;
3.1.6 prevention of socially unacceptable hunting practices such as hunting by using snares or poison;
3.1.7 **no** sport or trophy hunting of any caged animals, i.e. animals that live in zoo-like enclosures, that are in contact with humans on a daily basis, received food on a daily basis and cannot for more than one day survive in a natural habitat.

4. ECO-TOURISM

4.1 With regard to all types of eco-tourism activities, the rancher will **assertively promote**:

4.1.1 Preserving and fostering the condition of the environment, factoring in influences of other anthropogenic forms of use (agriculture, forestry, hunting, transport infrastructure, etc.);
4.1.2 visitors not taking anything from nature to which he/she is not entitled;
4.1.3 not causing or effecting anything to the environment that is harmful to health or well-being of present and future generations;
4.1.4 integrity of marketing and advertising.

5. APPROVED

5.1 AGM 17 March 2006.