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Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Sign Memorandum of Understanding

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BASSETERRE, St. Kitts--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine (Ross) and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (the Bloomberg School) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore research collaborations and joint educational activities to benefit students at both institutions. The MOU marks the first such relationship with a veterinary school for the Bloomberg School.

Ross' One Health approach to veterinary education instills in its students an interest in exploring more holistic approaches to solving world health problems that extend across animals, humans and ecosystems. Leaders from Ross and the Bloomberg School noted their mutual interest in issues such as food security and animal-borne disease.

"About 75 percent of the new diseases that have affected humans over the past 10 years have been caused by pathogens originating from an animal or from products of animal origin," said Sean Callanan, dean at Ross. "Our new relationship with the Bloomberg School provides another avenue for our students to develop their capacity to play a role in addressing 21st century health challenges."

The Bloomberg School has held the top spot in *US News & World Report*'s ranking of schools of public health since 1994. The school conducts research in 130 countries and is recognized as the largest school of public health in the world.

"This new collaboration with Ross offers a platform to address important issues at the intersection of human and animal medicine, population health and food security," said Michael J. Klag, dean of the Bloomberg School. "Ross' commitment to research on globally-significant public health issues make this collaboration a natural fit for our faculty and our students."

Ross has four major research centers, two of which will be directly involved in research collaborations with the Bloomberg School. The One Health Center for Zoonoses and Tropical Veterinary Medicine investigates endemic infectious diseases in consideration of nationally, regionally and internationally

recognized priorities and critical research gaps. The Center for Conservation Medicine and Ecosystem Health focuses on the health of populations, communities and ecosystems, and works to provide novel solutions to complex ecological issues.

“The educational and research opportunities afforded by this relationship enforce the One Health concept of interconnectedness and will encourage our students to become leaders in the protection and promotion of planetary health,” said A. Lee Willingham, associate dean for Research and Postgraduate studies at Ross.

About Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine

Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine (RUSVM), founded in 1982, is committed to preparing students to become members and leaders of the worldwide public and professional healthcare team and to advance human, animal and ecosystem health through research and knowledge exchange. RUSVM has focused research programs with an emphasis on emerging infectious and zoonotic diseases, conservation medicine, and ecosystem health. RUSVM offers postgraduate Masters’, Ph.D. and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) programs accredited by the St. Christopher & Nevis Accreditation Board. The DVM program holds accredited status from the American Veterinary Medical Association (www.avma.org). RUSVM is a part of DeVry Education Group (NYSE:DV). For more information about RUSVM, visit www.rossu.edu/vet.

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