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TENANTS AND LAWYERS TEAM UP

The Scottish Tenant Farmers Association is delighted to announce a new deal with Terra Firma Chambers, Advocates. In order to improve the range of services available to its members the STFA has negotiated an arrangement with agricultural law specialists in Terra Firma Chambers which allows STFA members to obtain counsel's opinion for an agreed fee and within an agreed time scale.

STFA chairman Angus McCall said, "We are very pleased to have negotiated this arrangement with Terra Firma. Agricultural law has become so important to tenants and is so complex that rapid, high quality specialist advice at an affordable rate is essential at an early stage. Terra Firma Chambers is part of a modern new look approach to advocacy in Scotland and STFA welcomes the opportunity to work with its land based specialists."

The STFA already operates a scheme where its members can get half an hour of free legal advice on agricultural tenancy matters over the telephone from the solicitors firm Blackadders. In addition it maintains a panel of approved solicitors which it recommends to its members for their legal work. This new scheme now allows any member of that panel of solicitors to instruct an advocate from Terra Firma Chambers to provide a written legal opinion for an STFA member on any legal problem without the uncertainty of knowing how much it might cost or how long it will take.

Terra Firma Chambers was formed in January 2008 and its members specialise in property, planning and environmental law. It includes some of the most experienced agricultural lawyers at the Scottish Bar and has already made a name for itself in developing a modern business approach to the services its members provide. Emma Philip, Terra Firma's Practice Manager said, 'I am delighted that the STFA have decided to make this scheme available to its members. It shows our desire to give the clients the best service we can at a reasonable cost.'

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