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## **GRIBBLES WINS SOUTH AUSTRALIA GOVERNMENT VETERINARY TENDER**

The Gribbles Group has been awarded a five year contract with the Department of Primary Industry and Resources of South Australia to operate the department's veterinary pathology laboratory and associated services. The contract will commence in January 2004.

The service will include disease investigation, disease surveillance and herd health monitoring involving the full range of pathology services offered by the group. Gribbles will operate the Government laboratory at Glenside and also provide a number of additional services out of its nearby main human pathology laboratory at Wayville.

Contract revenues will be over \$1million per annum, and will lead to a significant amount of private work. Gribbles established its veterinary service in South Australia in 2002 and has since grown to around 20% of the private market. This contract will significantly boost its market share in the state.

The General Manager of Veterinary Dr Judith Slocombe said, "The contract provides a strategic step in the expansion of our veterinary business in Australia and allows us to improve services to our customers."

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