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# STATEMENT

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673 sheep, 32 Poll Shorthorn cattle and veterinary products, steel sheep yards, cattle weighing equipment and troughing, left Adelaide Airport this morning on a specially fitted stretched DC8 jet.

"This is a very significant sale because it clearly illustrates the advantages for South Australia of our activity in Libya", the Premier said.

"Our machinery and equipment firms will benefit greatly from sales such as this which has been spurred on by the success of the South Australian Government's 1,000 hectare demonstration farm at El Marj.

"As well, farmers will have a much greater market for livestock. The range of animals in this sale is a very encouraging pointer to future exports to the Middle East."

Mr. Dunstan said the South Australian Government involvement in Libya had been a pioneering venture which may now be expanded to Algeria.

"The South Australian Government believes we must find new, diverse and secure markets for all our industries. By exporting our dry-land farming package to the Middle East we are establishing those markets for companies involved in rural industry.

"I am very confident that many more and larger sales of South Australian goods will follow this latest shipment".

The 673 sheep comprise 638 Corriedale ewes, 20 Suffolk rams and Corriedale rams which came from the Suthern Hills region. The 30 Poll Shorthorn heifers and the 2 bulls came from three different breeders ranging from the West Coast to Tintinara.

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