Sabinet signs up to Publishing Technology's ingentaDrive platform solution

Oxford, 11th February 2016 – South African electronic publication aggregator, Sabinet, has signed an agreement with Publishing Technology to launch an online platform on its packaged web solution, ingentaDrive.

The partnership means that Sabinet will now host its major journal service, the *Sabinet African ePublications (SA ePublications),* on ingentaDrive, an out-of-the-box product launched by Publishing Technology in September 2015.

Combining essential features of Publishing Technology's bespoke build platform product with the speed and efficiency of a packaged solution, ingentaDrive will enable Sabinet to quickly go live with a fully branded, cloud-based, responsive site. The new portal will provide consistent user experience across multiple devices while enabling Sabinet to control its online content with ease using powerful and extensive content management tools.

SA ePublications is the most comprehensive, searchable collection of full-text academic articles from South African and African Journals. Enhancing this service is the inclusion of the African Journal Archive, a retrospective open access journal service that preserves and makes available African journal literature.

With almost 500 African journals covering disciplines such as agriculture, botany, zoology, history, law, education, politics, medicine and geology, this collection is one of the largest sets of full-text African content available on a single platform.

Marco McKenzie, Systems Development Manager at Sabinet, commented:
"With such an important online resource at our fingertips it is vital that we have the best possible technology and systems in place to fully support it. Partnering with Publishing Technology and implementing ingentaDrive will improve access, discoverability and user experience. In turn, it will allow us to have more autonomy over the archive's content and to experiment with a range of third party integrations that will improve our overall offering."

David Montgomery, CEO at Publishing Technology, said:

"We are delighted to have signed this new agreement for ingentaDrive, and especially with such a significant global player with such a diverse and comprehensive archive. The platform will go live in the third quarter of 2016 and will completely enhance the way the SA ePublications *is delivered, accessed and consumed. We are looking forward to working closely with Sabinet on this pioneering project."*

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Sabinet's mission to support libraries' technical processes, promote resource sharing and enable access to information sources is underpinned by its commitment, partnerships, understanding and support.

Sabinet's roots are in library support services, where it is recognised for providing central platforms for collaboration and resource sharing among libraries.