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# African-style ranch with two helipads going for \$16M



Santa Ysabel ranch inspired by southern Africa.



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**S**ometimes, one helipad just isn't enough.

A 560-acre property near Santa Ysabel, designed with Africa in mind and featuring two helipads, went on sale last week for \$16 million.

The Double S Ranch belongs to famed cardiovascular surgeon Stuart Jamieson, who designed it to look like the cattle ranch he grew up on in Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe.

A 4,000-square-foot main house with two bedrooms next to a pond features taxidermied African animals, as well as a nearby chapel. There's also a three-bedroom log cabin, about the same size as the main house, for guests, and a four-bedroom 3,500-square-foot caretaker cottage.

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cattle ranch, 12 wells (all powered by solar and wind energy) and pens for goats, chickens, turkeys and llamas. The ranch offers panoramic views.

Surrounded by the Cleveland National Forest, the ranch is 20 minutes to downtown San Diego by helicopter. (It is about a 70-mile drive by car.)

Jamieson's family lost its ranch in Zimbabwe when it was seized by its president, [Robert Mugabe](#), listing agents said. After a successful career in the field of heart and lung transplants, Jamieson set out to rebuild his family's legacy.

He is a professor at UC San Diego, holding the title of Distinguished Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Jamieson is selling the property because he needs a larger ranch for his cattle breeding. Property records show Jamieson, through the Santa Ysabel Double S Corp, bought the property in 2002.

Brett Dickinson, Pacific Sotheby's International Realty agent, said they don't have a buyer yet but recently had an interested potential purchaser from Texas who said he was surprised such a property existed in California.

Dickinson said weather is good enough at the ranch that it is possible to fly in 12 months a year. The combination of solar power, generators, water storage and satellite system makes the property largely self-sufficient.

"You could live out there, stay out there because it is completely private" he said. "It's right in the heart of the Cleveland National Forest. It's an amazing spread."

Co-listing agent on the property is Eric Iantorno, also of Pacific Sotheby's International Realty.

Chickens, turkeys, goats, llamas and 15 cattle are included in the purchase price.

At the Double S Ranch, Jamieson and his wife, Sheri, raise watusi and black angus cattle. They do not use artificial feeds, chemicals or hormones in raising the cattle, their [website](#) says.

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