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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT 101 OF 1997)

APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSOR TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE STATE OF AFFAIRS OF MANGOSUTHU UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (MUT)

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Higher Education and Training, in accordance with Section 44 (1) (a) of the Higher Education Act (Act 101 of 1997, as amended) hereby appoint an Independent Assessor to investigate the state of governance and management including policies and procedures pertaining to financial management, management and administrative matters, supply chain management, human resources, information technology and infrastructure development and procurement at Mangosuthu University of Technology.

The Terms of Reference of the Independent Assessor are attached in the Schedule.

Mrs GNM Pandor, MP

Minister of Higher Education and Training

Date: 6-5-2018

SCHEDULE

MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE INDEPENDENT ASSESSOR

TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE STATE OF AFFAIRS OF MANGOSUTHU UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (MUT)

INTRODUCTION

In terms of Section 44 (1) (a) of the Higher Education Act, the Minister of Higher Education and Training has appointed an Independent Assessor to conduct an investigation into the state of governance at Mangosuthu University of Technology. The overall purpose of the investigation is to advise the Minister on:

- The source and nature of problems facing the institution, including those relating to the state of governance, financial management, supply chain management, human resources, information technology and any other matters that may arise.
- Governance failures and its own complicity leading to the management failures as contained in the forensic report.
- Measures required to restore good governance and management at the Mangosuthu University of Technology.

Terms of Reference

- 4. Conduct a detailed analysis of and provide a report on the current situation of the university governance and management including policies and procedures pertaining to financial management, supply chain management, human resources, information technology and infrastructure development and procurement.
- Conduct a detailed analysis and report on the functions and powers of the Council committees including the delegations of authority.

- Conduct a detailed analysis and report on all student accommodation leases entered into or any other questionable leases and report on the current situation.
- 7. Verify the findings of the forensic investigation that was conducted.

To make recommendations on

- 8. Restoring of effective and proper governance and management at the University.
- Any other recommendation that requires the attention of the Minister and the Department.
- 10. What action, if any, ought to be taken.

Completion and report

11. The Independent Assessor must complete his or her work and submit a report to the Minister within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

G.N.M. Lowdy Mrs GNM Pandor, MP

Minister of Higher Education and Training

Date: 6-5-2018