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## GOVERNMENT NOTICE

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### DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

No. 376

28 May 2013

#### TO INVITE COMMENTS REGARDING THE INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A NEW UNIVERSITY INCORPORATING THE MEDUNSA CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO

I, Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, MP, Minister of Higher Education and Training, hereby gives public notice, in terms of section 20 of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997), after consulting with the Council on Higher Education, of my intention to establish a new university. Further to my intention to establish this new university, I intend to incorporate shortly after the establishment of this new university the Medunsa Campus of the University of Limpopo into the new university.

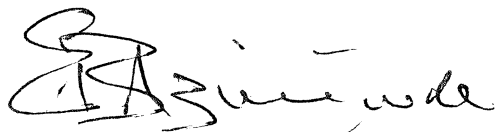
The reasons and the process of the incorporation of the Medunsa Campus into the newly established university are set out in the attached schedule. In accordance with section 24 (3) read with section 23 (2) of the Act, I intent to place a notice of my intention to incorporate the Medunsa Campus of the University of Limpopo in the Beeld, New Age and City Press.

All interested persons are invited to submit comments to the Department of Higher Education and Training, within 30 days from the date of this notice.

Written comments and proposals should be sent to:

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Kindly provide the name, address, telephone number and email address of the person or organization submitting the comments and/or proposal. Written responses should reach the Department within the stipulated 30 days of publication of this notice.



Dr BE Nzimande, MP  
Minister of Higher Education and Training

Date: 14/05/13

## SCHEDULE

The Minister of Higher Education and Training together with the Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi, MP, appointed a Task Team under the leadership of Professor Makgoba and Dr Price to review the merger that resulted in the University of Limpopo. The report of the Task Team was submitted to the Council on Higher Education (CHE) for advice in accordance with the requirements of the Higher Education Act (Act 101 of 1997).

The Minister has engaged with the Minister of Health, Dr Aaron Motsoaledi and both Ministers were of the view that a new university must be established with an extended health and allied sciences focus into which Medunsa can be incorporated. It was agreed that a technical team will be established to advise the Ministers on the process of ‘unbundling’ the University of Limpopo, establishing a new public higher education institution and incorporating the Medunsa campus of the University of Limpopo into the competency of this new university. The technical team will provide advice on proper governance and management processes and transitional arrangements that will include setting up structures and processes to ensure quality management and effective administration to guarantee the stability and sustainability of this institution. The technical team will specifically focus on the Council on Higher Education (CHE)’s recommendation relating to the quality of the programmes and the need to ensure dedicated funding to enable the institution to become effective and sustainable.

In July 2012 Minister Nzimande and Minister Motsoaledi established a Joint Technical Task Team under the leadership of the Department of the Higher Education and Training to provide advice on arrangements that need to be implemented to separate the Medunsa campus from the University of Limpopo. The Joint Technical Task Team consists of representatives from the Department of Higher Education and Training, Department of Health, health experts and academic managers, Deans of Health Faculties and Medical Schools from the University of Witwatersrand and the University of Cape Town, as well as, representatives from the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) and South African Medical Association (SAMA).

The activities of this Joint Technical Task Team include a comprehensive cost analysis that will inform the sustainability and viability of establishing a new health sciences institution as a stand-alone university offering a comprehensive suite of health care related and professional programmes as its core operation. It is also necessary that a process be established that will lead towards a fully functional university, separating authority and function of the Medunsa campus from the University of Limpopo.

The Joint Technical Task Team has compiled a road map outlining the sequence of the process of unbundling. This includes: consultations with stakeholders and interest groups; advising on the legal framework for the establishment of the new university which will incorporate the Medunsa campus; governance and management arrangements that must be put in place for the development of the new university; financial implications; and resourcing of the new university.

The consultation process has been initiated and a road map has been drafted in consultation with the Executive Committee of the University of Limpopo Council. The academic project which entails conducting a diagnostic analysis of the current academic programmes as well as

determining future academic programmes that will enable growth and sustainability of the new university is in progress. A desktop review of the most appropriate models of a new comprehensive health science university has commenced.

The Joint Technical Team is expected to finalise its report by mid 2013. The intention is to announce the promulgation of a new university incorporating Medunsa by the end of 2013. Preparation for the separation of authority and the delinking of systems and processes will take place during 2014. It is foreseen that the establishment of a new university incorporating Medunsa will be effective from January 2015.

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