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MEMORANDUM

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TO: DIRECTOR GENERAL: MR T ZULU	FROM: CHIEF DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT. MR M MACLEAN
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AN ADDENDUM TO AN EXISTING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND THE NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY (NMMU) IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE TRAINING OF ARTISANS FOR THE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SECTOR.	

DIRECTOR GENERAL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To request approval from the Director-General of an addendum to the existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered between the Department of Human Settlements and the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU).
- 1.2 To seek Director General approval for the increased scope of the MOA which will allow for the training of artisans by allowing NMMU to partner with other tertiary institutions such as technical colleges in order to support the goal of increasing artisans to promote the objectives of the Human Settlements Youth Brigade Programme (**Annexure A**).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 6 November 2012, the Department of Human Settlements and the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) entered into a MOA which provided

for the establishment of a Chair of Education in Human Settlements Development Management. In terms of this MOA, NMMU was to support the Professionalization agenda of the Department by implementing 5 flagship projects.

- 2.2 These projects included the design and delivery of a unique professional degree known as the Bachelor of Human Settlements Development Degree. This is an undergraduate 4 year integrated multidisciplinary qualification with a focus on human settlements issues. The design and development of short courses for mid-career professionals seeks to strengthen or expand their knowledge and competencies. The identification and implementation of selected research themes relevant to Human Settlements policy, implementation and practice. The development and transfer of a defined body of knowledge relevant to Human Settlements Development and Management through, amongst others, the publication of a textbook on Human Settlements. In addition NMMU shall assist the Department to facilitate the establishment of the Human Settlements Professional Body. (See existing MOA: **Annexure B**).

3. DISCUSSION

- 3.1 The Minister of Human Settlements, Honourable Lindiwe Sisulu, has directed the Department to establish a Youth Brigade Programme whose core element will be on the training of young people.
- 3.2 The Technical Capacity Development Chief Directorate, where the training of the sector resides, is one of the main contributors to the Youth Brigade Programme. In response to the Minister's mandate, the Chief Directorate is consolidating and streamlining its training Programmes which consists of the Scholarship Programme, the formal University programmes, as well as the artisan training programmes to accelerate the achievement of the objectives of the Youth Brigade Programme.

3.3 Through the implementation of this model which brings universities, technical universities and TVoET's in provincially based partnerships the Department will stimulate degrees, diploma's, short courses and certificates which provide multiple pathways for continuous development of sector practitioners at a Professional, Technical and Trade level. The addendum which has been negotiated by the Technical Capacity Development Chief Directorate aims to partner the top 5 universities with technical colleges in order to accelerate the recognition and development of the mid-level technicians and artisans.

3.4 There are no additional financial implications attached to approving the addendum and that funds are available from the Construction Seta to support the implementation of the amended MOA.

3.5 The Department of Human Settlements engaged the Construction SETA in a MOA to collaborate to increase training opportunities for Artisans focused on Trades in the Built Environment. This agreement provided for a transfer of R 20 million to the Department of Human Settlements for this project. Artisans trained under this programme were meant to address the need for 50 000 artisans by 2015.

3.6 This partnership between the NMMU and the Department will result in R 12 060 000 million being transferred from the Construction Seta to the University to fund 260 artisans and 200 skills programmes trained over a period of 24 months. (See Annexure C for the offer of contract between CETA and the Department.)

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for the Department bar salaries for officials who will be implementing the project.

5. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Director- General approves the request to extend the scope of the MOA between the National Department of Human Settlements and the NMMU.

- 5.1 Approve the addendum to the existing MOA entered between the department of Human Settlements and NMMU.
- 5.2 Approve for the increased scope of the MOA which will allow for the training of artisans by allowing NMMU to partner with other tertiary institutions such as technical colleges in-order to support the goal of increasing artisans.



M. MACLEAN

CHIEF DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE 04/03/2015

Recommendation in paragraph 5.1 supported/not supported
5.2 supported/not supported,



M. TSHANGANA

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER

DATE: 09/03/2015

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Recommendation in paragraph 5.1 supported/~~not supported~~
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N. MBENGO
ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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Recommendation in paragraph 5.1 approved/~~not approved~~
5.2 approved/~~not approved~~



T. ZULU
DIRECTOR GENERAL
DATE 2015/03/17