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Dear Mr Tolo

**REQUEST FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE SHORTLISTED
CANDIDATES TO SERVE ON THE NEW NRF BOARD**

The term of office of the current Board of the National Research Foundation (NRF) is due to expire on 30 June 2008. I am currently in the process of appointing a new NRF Board. As you may be aware, Section 6 of the National Research Foundation Act, 1998 (Act No. 23 of 1998) provides for the establishment of a Board consisting of the following:

- A chairperson appointed by the Minister of Science and Technology;
- Not fewer than nine but not more than eleven other members appointed by the Minister, after consultation with the Minister of Education; as well as the relevant committees of the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces; and
- The President of the NRF by virtue of his or her office.

The objective of the NRF is to support and promote research through funding, human resource development and the provision of the necessary research facilities in order to facilitate the creation of knowledge, innovation and development in the fields of science and technology, including indigenous knowledge and thereby contribute to the achievement of the goals of the National System of Innovation.

The NRF Board members should be broadly representative of the following sectors: tertiary education, business, agriculture and environmental sciences, health sciences, natural sciences and engineering, social sciences and humanities and civil society.

I propose the composition of the new NRF Board to be as set out below:

Surname	Name	Title	Position/ Qualifications	Gender	Race
Bozzoli	Belinda	Prof.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor: WITS DPhil, MA A Studies/ Political Science, BA Hons, BA Political Science and Geography	F	W
Fedderke	Johannes	Prof.	Director: School of Economics (UCT) BCom, BCom Hons, Master of Philosophy in Economics and Politics, PhD in Economics	M	W
Gcabashe	Thulani	Mr	Special Advisor, Office of the Chairman (ESKOM) Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, Programme for Executive Development (PED), Strategic Management, Finance for Non-Financial Managers and BA Degree	M	A
Magau	Namane	Dr	Business Executive D.Ed (Harvard); Med (RAU) and B.Ed (UNISA)	F	A
May	Ivan	Dr	Chief Executive Officer: Intellectual Capital Corporation of Africa) BSc, BSc Hons, MBA, Pr Sci Nat, CM, FIMM, FCIM, FIBSA & FInstD	M	W
Nyokong	Tebello	Prof.	Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Nanotechnology (Rhodes University) BSc Chemistry & Biology, MSc Chemistry & PhD Chemistry	F	A
Netsianda	Tshifhiwa	Mr	Executive Director: Human Resource & Administration (ARC) BCom, BCom Hons	M	A
Pillay	Pragasen	Prof.	Prof in ECE and Jean Nowell, Distinguished Professor in Engineering	M	I

			B.Eng, MSc Eng & PhD		
Pillay	Venith	Dr	Senior Lecturer (UP) BA, BA Hons, HED, MA (South A Literature) & Doctorate	F	I
Yokwana	Nozuko	Ms	Managing Director: Ubuntu Development Consortium BA Social Sciences, Honours Psychology, Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Development, MA Sustainable	F	A


I have already consulted with the following department / body:

- Advisory Panel of experts (the panel compiled a shortlist of candidates).
- Minister of Education.

I request an opportunity to discuss the current developments related to the appointment of the new NRF Board. For your information, I include with this letter the abridged curriculum vitae of all the shortlisted candidates (Annexure A) and a full list of the nominations received (Annexure B). The full curriculum vitae of the nominees will be available in our Cape Town office should you require them.

I would appreciate an early opportunity to discuss this matter and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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**ABRIDGED CURRICULUM VITAE OF NOMINEES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF
THE NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

1. Prof. B Bozzoli
2. Prof. JW Fedderke
3. Mr TS Gcabashe
4. Dr IR May
5. Prof. T Nyokong
6. Mr TM Netsianda
7. Prof. P Pillay
8. Dr V Pillay
9. Ms NZ Yokwana
10. Dr NM Magau

Name:	Prof. Belinda Bozzoli
Position/ Affiliation	Deputy Vice-Chancellor: WITS
Qualifications:	DPhil, MA A Studies/ Political Science, BA Hons, BA Political Science and Geography
Field of Expertise:	Social History, Sociology of Southern Africa, Cultural Studies and Research Management
Memberships:	National Archives Advisory Board, South Africa
Gender:	Female
Race:	White

Name:	Prof. Johannes Fedderke
Position/ Affiliation	Director: School of Economics (UCT)
Qualifications:	BCom, BCom Hons, Master of Philosophy in Economics and Politics, PhD in Economics
Field of Expertise:	Economics
Memberships:	Member of the Board of Economics Research of Southern Africa, member of ASSAf
Gender:	Male
Race:	White

Name:	Mr Thulani Gcabashe
Position/ Affiliation	Special Advisor, Office of the Chairman (ESKOM)
Qualifications:	Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, Programme for Executive Development (PED), Strategic Management, Finance for Non-Financial Managers and BA Degree
Field of Expertise:	Town and Regional Planning, Strategic Management
Memberships:	Board Member of South African National Energy Association and Standard Bank Group
Gender:	Male
Race:	African

Name:	Dr Namane Milcah Magau
Position/ Affiliation	Independent Non-Executive Director
Qualifications:	B.Ed (UNISA), M.Ed (RAU) & D.Ed (Harvard)
Field of Expertise:	Human Capital Systems & Human Resource Development
Memberships:	Executive Chairperson of Delaney Basadi Investment; Non-Executive Director of Sanlam Limited; Non-Executive Director of Murray & Roberts Holding Ltd; Non-Executive Director of African wing of the International Women's Forum (IWF)
Gender:	Female
Race:	African

Name:	Dr Ivan May
Position/ Affiliation	Chief Executive Officer: Intellectual Capital Corporation of Africa
Qualifications:	BSc, BSc Hons, MBA, Pr Sci Nat, CM, FIMM, FCIM, FIBSA & FInstD
Field of Expertise:	Biological sciences, management, corporate governance, marketing, innovation and business strategy
Memberships:	Advertising Standards Authority of SA, Vodacom Foundation, Council member of the Institute of Directors, Vice-Chair of Business and Arts SA, Chairperson of the Territorial (Business), Advisory Council of the Salvation Army, member of the Appeal Board of the Advertising Standards Authority
Gender:	Male
Race:	White

Name:	Prof. Tebello Nyokong
Position/ Affiliation	Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Nanotechnology (Rhodes University)
Qualifications:	BSc Chemistry & Biology, MSc Chemistry, PhD Chemistry
Field of Expertise:	Chemistry, Biology, Management
Memberships:	Member of Council: University of Lesotho
Gender:	Female
Race:	African

Name:	Mr Tshifhiwa Netsianda
Position/ Affiliation	Executive Director: Human Resource & Administration (ARC)
Qualifications:	BCom, BCom Hons
Field of Expertise:	Human resource, Management and Strategic Management
Memberships:	None
Gender:	Male
Race:	African

Name:	Prof. Pragasen Pillay
Position/ Affiliation	Professor at ECE and Jean Nowell, Distinguished Professor in Engineering
Qualifications:	B.Eng, MSc Eng, PhD
Field of Expertise:	Electrical and Computer Engineering
Memberships:	Member of ASSAf
Gender:	Male
Race:	Indian

Name:	Dr Venith Pillay
Position/ Affiliation	Senior Lecturer (UP)
Qualifications:	BA, BA Hons, HED, MA (South African Literature), Doctorate
Field of Expertise:	Feminist Research Methodologies, Gender and Higher Education, Transformation of Higher Education

	Institutions
Memberships:	Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the Feminist Journal Agenda
Gender:	Female
Race:	Indian

Name:	Ms Nozuko Yokwana
Position/ Affiliation	Managing Director: Ubuntu Development Consortium
Qualifications:	BA Social Sciences, Psychology Hons, Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Development, MA Sustainable Development
Field of Expertise:	Socio-economic/ community development and Health; project/program management; training, counseling and policy formulation.
Memberships:	Deputy Chair of the Professional Social Work Board For the SA Social Work Council, Board member: National Arts Council, Board member: Afesis Coplan (NGO)
Gender:	Female
Race:	African

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