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Dear Mr Oliphant

**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 to 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	Tshifiwa	Mr	Executive Director: Human Resource & Administration (ARC) BCom, BCom Hons	M	A
Pillay	Pragasen	Prof.	Prof in ECE and Jean Nowell, Distinguished Professor in	M	I

			Literature) & Doctorate		
Yokwana	Nozuko	Ms	Managing Director: Ubuntu Development Consortium BA Social Sciences, Honours Psychology, Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Development, MA Sustainable	F	A

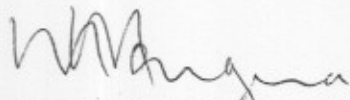
I have already consulted with the following department / body:

- 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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