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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**No. 81****30 January 2009****HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT NO. 101 OF 1997)****CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS FOR THE COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

The Council on Higher Education is the statutory body established to provide independent, strategic advice to the Minister of Education on matters relating to the transformation and development of higher education in South Africa, and to manage quality assurance and quality promotion in the higher education sector. The CHE arranges and co-ordinates conferences, publishes information regarding developments in higher education, including an annual report on the state of higher education and promotes the access of students to higher education institutions. The Minister receives advice on any other matter that the CHE deems necessary and specific matters referred by the Minister from time to time.

The CHE is supported by its own professional secretariat, headed by the Executive Officer, and controls its own operating budget.

The ordinary members of the CHE must be appointed by the Minister on the basis of the following criteria -

- balance of stakeholder interests and expertise;
- racial and gender representivity;
- deep knowledge and understanding of higher education;
- understanding of the role of higher education in reconstruction and development; and
- known and attested commitment to the interests of higher education.

The members of the CHE are appointed in their personal capacities and are expected to apply their minds to the interests of the sector as a whole.

The CHE has five (5) vacancies. Therefore, I Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, MP, Minister of Education, hereby request –

- (a) the public;
- (b) national organisations representing higher education students, academic employees, employees other than academic employees, university principals, technikon principals, principals of colleges of education, other higher education colleges, private higher education institutions, the further education sector, the distance education sector, educators, organised business, organised labour;
- (c) research and science councils and
- (d) relevant non-governmental organisations.

to submit to me, **before 28 February 2009**, the names of persons who by virtue of their knowledge and experience, may be considered for appointment as members of the aforesaid Council.

Nominations, accompanied by the *Curriculum Vitae* of the nominee and a *letter of consent indicating availability of the nominee* to serve on the Council on Higher Education if selected, should be forwarded to:

The Director-General: Education
(For the attention of Ms B Ntabeni-Matutu)
Private Bag X895
PRETORIA
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Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, MP
Minister of Education

Date: 19-12-2008
