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To whom it may concern

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg Accreditation

The University of the Witwatersrand is registered with the Department of Higher Education and Training (DoHET) as a public higher education provider in terms of the Higher Education (HE) Act 101 of 1997, as amended. The (HE) Act requires that private higher education institutions each obtain a registration number from the DoHET, but this is not a requirement for a public university such as Wits.

The same Act created the Higher Education Quality Committee (HEQC) as the Education and Training Quality Assurance body (ETQA) for higher education. The HEQC is recognized directly by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) as the ETQA for higher education, and the University sees the merits of the 'one provider, one ETQA' principle.

By virtue of the University of the Witwatersrand's registration with the DoHET as a public university, the University is accredited by the HEQC to teach certain qualifications. Approval is given by the DoHET, accreditation by the HEQC and registration is done by SAQA.

The National Qualifications Framework (NQF) is a single integrated system for the "classification, registration, publication and articulation of quality assured national qualifications", as indicated in Section 4 of the NQF Act, 2008 (Act No 67 of 2008). It comprises, as specified in Section 7 of the NQF Act, three coordinated qualifications sub-frameworks for:

- General and Further Education and Training, contemplated in the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, 2001 (Act 58 of 2001) overseen by Umalusi.
- Higher Education, contemplated in the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act 101 of 1997) overseen by the Council on Higher Education.
- Trades and Occupations, contemplated in the Skills Development Act, 1998 (Act 97 of 1998) overseen by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations.

This information can be verified by accessing www.wits.ac.za, as well as www.dhet.gov.za

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Crosley".

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