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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 27 OF 1996) AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS ACT, 1996 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1996)

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE PROPOSED MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES WITH THE AIM OF DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATEMENT GRADES 10-12 (GENERAL)

1. The Minister of Education, hereby, in terms of *Section 3(4)(l) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996 (Act No. 27 of 1996)* and *Section 61 of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act. No. 84 of 1996)* as amended, invite nominations from persons, role-players or organisations active or involved in further education and training to serve as members on a Ministerial Project Committee and its associated structures responsible for the development of additional subjects, to be included in the National Curriculum Statement Grades 10-12, hereafter referred to as the "NCS".
2. On 16 September 2003 he has declared the *NCS Grades 10-12 (General)* as national education policy. In view of the requests received from stakeholder bodies and members of the public to develop additional subjects to be included in the NCS, he has decided to approve a second curriculum development phase with the aim of developing two additional subjects, namely Religion Studies and Civil Technology.
3. To guarantee mobility and articulation between the vocational and the trade occupational professional pathways, it is deemed necessary that the newly developed technical subjects statements for Engineering Graphics and Design, Electrical Technology and Mechanical Technology, to be offered in the vocational pathway, be reviewed with the aim of ensuring that they are aligned

with the already developed unit standards that will be offered in the trade occupational professional pathway.

4. A Ministerial Project Committee comprising the following members will manage the second curriculum development phase:

A Project Manager; and experts in the following learning fields and sub-fields of the FET Band:

A. General field:

- Religion Studies.

B. Technical Vocational field:

- Engineering Graphics and Design;
- Civil Technology;
- Electrical Technology; and
- Mechanical Technology.

5. The brief of the Ministerial Project Committee will be as follows:

- (a) Establishing a workable management structure and relevant implementation processes.
- (b) Monitoring the development process of Religion Studies, Engineering Graphics and Design, Civil Technology, Electrical Technology and Mechanical Technology.
- (c) Developing performance indicators that will measure and report on progress and deliverables by all teams.
- (d) Supervising processes, ensuring that they coincide with national agreed upon plans.
- (e) Reporting progress to Senior Management through the Chief Director: FET.
- (f) Trouble shooting and assisting with field-testing of drafts.

- (g) Ensuring the development of a product of high quality.
6. Subject Working Groups will be responsible for the development of learning outcomes and assessment standards for each subject, the development of learning programme guidelines for each subject, informing practitioners and professionals within the field concerning work in progress, and seek feedback on aspects of their statement.
 7. Members of the Ministerial Project Committee will be remunerated in terms of the Public Management Financial Act - Chapter 20.
 8. Two Subject Working Groups will be set up to develop subject statements in 1 General subject (Religion Studies) and 1 technical and vocational subject (Civil Technology), while 3 Subject Working Groups will align the newly developed subject statements for Engineering Graphics and Design, Electrical Technology, Mechanical Technology with the already developed unit standards to be offered in the trade occupational professional pathway. Each Subject Working Group will consist of 6 subject specialists chosen on the basis of experience and expertise in the field.
 9. Nominations are called for from persons, role-players or organisations with the necessary expertise and experience to serve as members in the following fields and sub-fields on the Ministerial Project Committee:
 - A. General field:
 - Religion Studies.
 - B. Technical Vocational field:
 - Engineering Graphics and Design;
 - Civil Technology;
 - Electrical Technology; and
 - Mechanical Technology.

10. Nominations are called for from persons, role-players or organisations with the necessary expertise and experience to serve as members in the following Technical and Vocational Subject Working Groups:
 - (a) Religion Studies;
 - (b) Civil Technology;
 - (c) Engineering Graphics and Design;
 - (d) Electrical Technology;
 - (e) Mechanical Technology.
11. It is recommended that nominees for the Subject Working Group: Civil Technology should have a sound knowledge of Engineering Graphics and Design as applied in Civil Technology.
12. Nominations, should accompanied by a *curriculum vitae* of the nominee.
13. Nominations marked either "Nominations for the Ministerial Project Committee (Second Curriculum Phase for FET)", or "Nominations for the Subject Working Group (indicated the relevant Subject Working Group from paragraph 10 (a-e) above)" should be received at the address given in paragraph 14 below by 28 November 2003.

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