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HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT No. 101 OF 1997)

CLOSURE OF VISTA UNIVERSITY

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, MP, Minister of Education, in accordance with section 25(1) of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997), as amended, and after consulting the Council on Higher Education, hereby close Vista University. The date of closure and the arrangements are set out in the Schedule hereto.

G N M Pandor, MP Minister of Education

SCHEDULE

The date of closure 30 June 2004

Arrangements

The closure is a consequence of the incorporation of Vista University's constituent campuses into other higher education institutions on 2 January 2004 as gazetted in Government Gazette No. 25744 of 19 November 2003 and Government Gazette No. 25737 of 14 November 2003. This is part of the broader process for the restructuring and transformation of the higher education system to ensure the responsiveness of the higher education system to national human resource and research needs as outlined in the National Plan for Higher Education, which was gazetted on 9 March 2001 (Government Gazette No. 22138, Notice No. 230). The reasons for the incorporations are provided in the Ministry's document, Transformation and Restructuring: A New Institutional Landscape for Higher Education, which was gazetted on Friday 21 June 2002 (Government Gazette No. 23549).

All assets and liabilities of Vista University must after closure be dealt with according to law by the Minister and any assets remaining after payment of all liabilities vest in the Minister.

The closure of Vista University does not affect anything lawfully done by the higher education institution prior to the closure.

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