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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

MINISTERIAL TASK TEAM ON THE FOURTH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN POST-SCHOOL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

I, Dr Bonginkosi Emmanuel Nzimande, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, in accordance with Treasury Regulation 20 [issued in terms of Public Financial Management Act, 1999 (Act No 1 of 1999)] hereby amend the membership and timeframe of the Ministerial Task Team on the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) in Post-School Education and Training (PSET) that will advise me on how the PSET system should take up opportunities presented by the 4IR and prepare a report on how the Department should respond to the challenges and opportunities posed by the 4IR.

The objectives of the Ministerial Task Team are to:

- identify current 4IR initiatives in institutions in the PSET system (significant programmes directed at taking advantage of the 4IR) as well as external initiatives impacting on the PSET system;
- analyse the impact of 4IR on the PSET system; and
- identify priority areas and interventions that should be undertaken by the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology in order to advance digital skills and absorption by industry.

The amended list of Members of the Ministerial Task Team are:

- Prof Zebulon Vilakazi (Chairperson), Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, University of the Witwatersrand;
- Dr Colin Thakur, Research Chair on Digitisation, Co Labs, Durban University of Technology;
- Dr Geci Karuri-Sebina, South African Coordinator: African Development Bank Study on the 4th Industrial Revolution and the Future of Work in Africa - Assessing the Impact of 4IR and countries' preparedness;
- Ms Nicola Galombik, Founder and Chairperson of the Board of Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator;
- Ms Zamantungwa Khumalo, Head of Content: Supplement & Commercial Projects, Mail and Guardian, and World Economic Forum Global Shaper;
- Ms Ilse Karg, Chief Director: Future Production Technologies 4th Industrial Revolution, Department of Trade and Industry;
- Dr Adriana Marais, Space Development, Faculty, Singularity University & Duke Corporate Education Astronaut Candidate, Mars One Project;
- Prof BC Armstrong, Professor in the Chair of Digital Business, Wits Business School;
- Prof Aslam Fataar, Vice Dean, Research, Faculty of Education, University of Stellenbosch; and
- Mr Imraan Patel, Deputy Director-General: Socio-Economic Innovation Partnerships, Department of Science and Innovation.

The Ministerial Task Team will produce a report that presents the findings from the investigation, and that makes recommendations which advises how the Department should respond to the challenges and opportunities posed by the 4IR.

The work of the Ministerial Task Team will commence from the date of publication of this Notice and conclude in April 2020.



Dr BE Nzimande, MP

Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology

Date:

25/11/2019

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