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Dear Stakeholder

PROPOSED NEW SETA LANDSCAPE

A media statement was given on Thursday 29 April 2010 by the Minister of Higher Education, Dr Blade Nzimande proposing the amalgamation of the FoodBev SETA and sub sectors of the Forestry Industry SETA.

The criteria guiding the proposed new landscape are to ensure coverage of all economic sectors, financial and operational viability; and alignment with current government priorities.

The proposed new SETA landscape in summary features:

- ✓ The recertification of 15 SETAs with minor changes
- ✓ The "amalgamation" of several SETAs to secure greater efficiencies which will result in the establishment of six "new" SETAs.
- ✓ Reduction from 23 SETAs to 21

Minister Nzimande will be reviewing the governance mechanisms for SETAs and intend to take legislative steps to improve the SETAs functioning.

Stakeholders are invited to respond to the proposed new SETA landscape. The National Skills Authority (NSA) will conduct public hearings from 14 -18 June 2010. Any organised constituency and members of the public willing to make submissions are invited to register and confirm their intention with the Executive Manager: NSA Secretariat on or before 12:00 on 31 May 2010.

All applicants will be contacted by no later than 16:00 on 9 June 2010 to confirm the venue, date and time for submissions. Written submissions can also be sent to the NSA.

The contact details of the NSA Secretariat are as follows:

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We at the AgriSETA will have a Special Exco Meeting which will be followed up with further consultations with our stakeholders. Our stakeholders will be notified in due course.

Yours sincerely

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