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Dear Professor Ndlovu,

RE: Feedback on the additional information submitted by the Vaal University of **Technology (VUT for the Phase-Out Plans for NATED Programmes**

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide feedback to the VUT on the additional information submitted for the phase-out plans of its NATED programmes.

At the Accreditation and Training Committee (ATC) meeting held on 22 August 2024, VUT was requested to provide evidence on the status of students enrolled in the following programmes:

- 1. National Diploma in Chemical Engineering
- 2. National Diploma in Civil Engineering
- 3. National Diploma in Electrical Engineering in Electronic Engineering
- 4. National Diploma in Electrical Engineering in Computer systems
- 5. National Diploma in Electrical Engineering in Process Control
- 6. National Diploma in Electrical Engineering in Power Engineering
- 7. National Diploma in Industrial Engineering
- 8. National Diploma in Mechanical Engineering
- 9. National Diploma in Metallurgical Engineering
- 10. Baccalaureus Technologies in Chemical Engineering
- 11. Baccalaureus Technologies in Civil Engineering
- 12. Baccalaureus Technologies in Electrical Engineering in Electronic Engineering
- 13. Baccalaureus Technologies in Electrical Engineering in Computer systems
- 14. Baccalaureus Technologies in Electrical Engineering in Process Control
- 15. Baccalaureus Technologies in Electrical Engineering in Power Engineering
- 16. Baccalaureus Technologies in Industrial Engineering
- 17. Baccalaureus Technologies in Mechanical Engineering
- 18. Baccalaureus Technologies in Metallurgical Engineering

Mr S Zimu

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VUT submitted the requested additional information, which was reviewed by a team of assessors. The assessment report was presented at the ATC meeting held on 6 February 2025 and subsequently approved.

ECSA confirms that it deems the plans adequate to ensure that all students in the pipeline of these programmes will have an opportunity of successfully graduating, and the no processes or compliance rules (e.g. DHET/CHE) have been compromised by the planned activities.

VUT is advised to read this letter in conjunction with the phase-out plan report provided by the team of assessors. Please note that this outcome letter communicates the final decision of the ATC.

ECSA needs to emphasise that any student completing these programmes after the 2024 academic year will no longer be automatically recognized under the ECSA-accredited programme status and will be required to undergo ECSA's education evaluation process for registration purposes. VUT is required to convey this information to any students who form part of the pipeline for eadh of these programmes.

Please do not hesitate to contact the ECSA Manager: Accreditation & Training, Mrs. Nivashnee Naidoo (<u>Nivashnee@ecsa.co.za</u>), should you require any further information in this regard.

Warm Regards,

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