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Dear Prof Freeman

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING COLLEGES: GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH DATABANK – MINDKIND STUDY

I acknowledge receipt of your request for permission to conduct research in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Colleges on the topic: "Global Mental Health Databank: MindKind Study".

The Department of Higher Education and Training has evaluated your request and it is my pleasure to inform you that your request for permission to conduct the above research has been granted.

It is noted that as part of your research, you have proposed to collect data through questionnaires with 750 peer educators and students from TVET Colleges. Focus group discussions will take place with 50 volunteers - 25 who have completed the questionnaire and 25 who have not.

You are advised to obtain further permission from participants before commencing with your study. You are also requested to attach the following documents when communicating with participants:

1. Copy of this letter from the Department;
2. Copy of the "completed application form" to conduct research; and
3. Copy of the Ethical Clearance Certificate from the Walter Sisulu University.

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The topic of your research is of great interest to the Department. It will therefore be appreciated if you could share the findings of your research with the Department upon completion of your research.

I wish you all of the best in your research study.

Yours sincerely

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Ms N Gasa
Deputy Director-General
Date: 21 July 2021