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Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Sciences

TO: Farm Managers / CEO of agricultural institution and development organization

FROM: Alex Meroro

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Namibia University of Science and Technology

DATE: 29th August 2019

SUBJECT: WORKBASED INTEGRATED LEARNING OR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

PERIOD OF ATTACHMENTS (Agricultural Internships): 5 months

Dear Sir / Madam

The Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Sciences wishes to request your institution to allow MsThembi Princess Lutibezi to conduct her in-service training or work based integrated learning at your agricultural institution for her to gain practical technical skills in agricultural livestock and crop discipline.

Ms Thembi Princess Lutibezi wants to gain practical experience related to agricultural activities at the farm and related work on crop, livestock production, Aquaculture and agribusiness Management. The students require supervision in the process of job attachment as from the 5th January till the 18th of June presented in 2020. All students expected or required to broaden their technical farming skills.

Students require to be placed for job attachment at agricultural related institutions in order to gained hands on experience. It is also the requirements by the Department of Agricultural Sciences policy, which states that, it is a prerequisite for the student to under-go inservice training in order to obtain Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture. The job attachments help the students to be exposed to hands on experience and undertaken as a partnership between the Namibia University of Science and Technology (formerly the Polytechnic of Namibia), industry and the students). The job training and opportunity is where students could apply their theoretical and practical skills and develop their personality to become productive, efficient citizens.

It is hoped that all partners benefit, although the main aim is for the students to gain experience in all agricultural work place. The industry could be a farmer; a farmer's association or other community-based organization, a non-governmental organization, a company or agribusiness, parastatal or governmental institution that deals in any way with agriculture, forestry, resettlement, and aquaculture

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Duties: during the inservice training the students is expected in daily activities as allocated by the mentor at the work place, and to undertake a project that is agreed upon between the industry, Namibia University of Science and Technology and the student.

The employer is not obliged to pay student. However, it would be appreciated if the employer would contribute to the basic living costs in cases where students do not have sufficient financial means.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES:

The aim of the job attachment is for the students to gain competencies needed for the future career, including self—employment, with regards to applying knowledge, skills and undertaking of their fields of study in a work environment. In addition, it is for the students to develop the attitudes and values required for being responsible citizens.

I hope you will find this in order.

Regards.

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