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**TO: All Members of SATiBA and SASCeTS**

re: Activation of the Category “Cell Biology” for Registration of Medical Scientists and Technicians with the HPCSA

Dear Colleagues,

After extensive interactions with the Health Professionals Council of South Africa (HPCSA) over more than two years, the HPCSA has agreed to activate the category “Cell Biology”, which is currently dormant, to allow for the registration of medical scientists and technicians with the HPCSA.

The need for two sub-categories has been identified within Cell Biology:

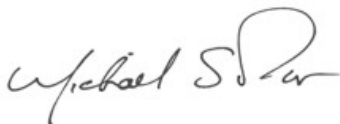
1. Tissue banking
2. Cell and gene therapy

The South African Tissue Banking Association (SATiBA) and the South African Stem Cell Transplantation Society (SASCeTS) represent individuals who might be interested in following the two-year theoretical and practical training opportunity in order to produce a portfolio of evidence to be submitted to the HPCSA for registration.

The purpose of this letter is (a) to alert SATiBA and SASCeTS members to this opportunity (details to follow), and (b) to solicit the involvement of a volunteer who will assist the task team in putting together the training program over the next 2-3 months. This position will be remunerated by SATiBA and SASCeTS.

We would be most grateful if you would please forward this to all interested parties.

Kind regards,



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