

No. 869

24 June 2002

**HIGHER EDUCATION ACT, 1997 (ACT No. 101 OF 1997)****TO INVITE REPRESENTATIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO MERGE CERTAIN PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OR SUBDIVISIONS OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

I, Professor Kader Asmal, MP, Minister of Education, hereby give notice in terms of the Higher Education Act, 1997 (Act No. 101 of 1997), of my proposal to establish a single higher education institution through the merger of Cape Technikon and Peninsula Technikon.

The merger is part of the broader process for the restructuring and transformation of the higher education system to ensure the responsiveness of the higher education system to national human resource and research needs as outlined in the National Plan for Higher Education, which was gazetted on 9 March 2001 (Government Gazette No 22138, Notice number 230).

The reasons for the merger are as follows:

- Overcoming the apartheid-induced divide between historically white and historically black institutions.
- Promoting staff equity.
- Ensuring the effective and efficient use of resources through reducing overlap and duplication in academic programmes.
- Consolidating existing academic programmes to enable a wider range of academic programmes to be offered in response to regional and national needs.
- Consolidating academic personnel thus enabling improvements in the quality of provision.
- Building research capacity.

Interested persons are referred to the fact that a detailed analysis of the reasons is contained in my Ministry's document, Transformation and Restructuring: A

New Institutional Landscape for Higher Education, which was gazetted on Friday 21 June 2002 (Government Gazette no 23549).

All interested persons are invited to make representations to the Minister of Education by Friday 4 October 2002. Please note that comments received after the closing date may be disregarded.

Further information concerning the proposal is available from the Department of Education. The contact person is:

Ms G S Mampane

Room 556

123 Schoeman Street

Pretoria

Private Bag X895

Pretoria

0001

e-mail: [mampane.g@doe.gov.za](mailto:mampane.g@doe.gov.za)

Tel: (012) 312 5256

Fax: (012) 323 7532

Printed by and obtainable from the Government Printer, Bosman Street, Private Bag X85, Pretoria, 0001

Publications: Tel: (012) 334-4508, 334-4509, 334-4510

Advertisements: Tel: (012) 334-4673, 334-4674, 334-4504

Subscriptions: Tel: (012) 334-4735, 334-4736, 334-4737

Cape Town Branch: Tel: (021) 465-7531

Gedruk deur en verkrygbaar by die Staatsdrukker, Bosmanstraat, Privaatsak X85, Pretoria, 0001

Publikasies: Tel: (012) 334-4508, 334-4509, 334-4510

Advertensies: Tel: (012) 334-4673, 334-4674, 334-4504

Subskripsies: Tel: (012) 334-4735, 334-4736, 334-4737

Kaapstad-tak: Tel: (021) 465-7531