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**NOMINATIONS OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES
TO THE NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICE (NIPMO)
ADVISORY BOARD**

Nominations of suitable candidates to be considered for appointment to the National Intellectual Property Management Office (NIPMO) Advisory Board, by the Minister of Science and Technology are hereby invited from all interested persons. The Advisory Board will consist of five but not more than nine members appointed by the Minister of Science and Technology.

According to the Intellectual Property Rights from Publicly Financed Research and Development Act, 2008 (Act 51 of 2008) (IPR-PFDR), NIPMO's core function is to promote the objects of this Act, i.e. the statutory protection, management and commercialisation of intellectual property emanating from publicly financed research and development. The NIPMO is also expected to provide assistance to recipient institutions with the establishment of offices of technology transfer and capacity building.

The regulations to the IPR-PFDR Act as published in the Government Gazette No 33433 Vol. 3 provide for the establishment of an Advisory Board by the Minister of Science and Technology. The Advisory Board will advise NIPMO on the performance of its functions, the exercise of its powers and the execution of its duties. The Minister, in consultation with the Minister of Finance, will determine the allowances and other benefits of the members of the Advisory Board. Members shall hold office for a period not exceeding four years.

It should be borne in mind that the NIPMO Advisory Board members should be persons who are citizens of the Republic or have the right of permanent residence in the Republic and have distinguished themselves in the fields of research management, higher education environment, intellectual property protection and management, technology transfer and business, technology licensing and commercialisation or possess the relevant qualifications, experience or skills in relation to some aspects of the functions of the NIPMO.

The shortlisted candidates shall undergo screening to ensure that candidates that are appointed to the Advisory Board have been declared to comply with the objects of the IPR-PFDR Act. Nominations should be submitted to the Minister of Science and Technology by no later than 6 May 2011.

Appropriate *curricula vitae* should accompany the nominations. The following information should also be provided: **identity number; gender and race; designation and responsibilities; address, telephone, fax and e-mail; qualifications / field of study; current and past service on boards; area of expertise; names of contactable referees, as well as confirmation of the availability of the nominee.**

Nominations may be e-mailed, posted and/or delivered to DST Reception at the following addresses (in envelopes marked – National Intellectual Property Management Office (Advisory Board) :

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***NB: Failure to comply with the requirement of the advert, will result in the nomination not being considered.**

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