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Department:
Science and Technology
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**NOMINATIONS OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES
TO THE NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT OFFICE (NIPMO)
DISPUTE PANEL**

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

According to the Intellectual Property Rights from Publicly Financed Research and Development (IPR-PFRD) Act, 2008 (Act 51 of 2008), 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-PFRD Act as published in the Government Gazette No 33433 Vol. 3 provide for the establishment of a Dispute Panel by the Minister of Science and Technology. The NIPMO Dispute Panel is accountable to the Minister and will establish its own rules of procedure which NIPMO must publish. The Dispute Panel will be mandated to hear and determine disputes relating to administrative decisions of NIPMO applying the principles of fairness, justice and reasonableness. Allowances will be in accordance with National Treasury guidelines.

It should be borne in mind that the NIPMO Dispute Panel members should be persons who are citizens of the Republic or have the right of permanent residence in the Republic. The Dispute Panel will be drawn from a diverse background and representative of as many institutions as possible so as to minimise conflict of interests. The Dispute Panel shall consist of at least five, but no more than twenty members with experience and expertise in areas relating to at least, intellectual property protection and management, commercialisation, dispute resolution and business.

The shortlisted candidates shall undergo screening to ensure that candidates that are appointed to the Dispute Panel have been declared to comply with the objects of the IPR-PFRD 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: Dispute Panel):

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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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