



EXTENSION OF TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR AND KEY STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS AHEAD

Dear Members of the Mangosuthu University of Technology Community,

I write to inform you that my term as the Administrator of Mangosuthu University of Technology, originally set to conclude on 10 October 2024, has been extended by the Honourable Minister of Higher Education. I will now continue to serve in this role until 10 January 2025.

This extension signifies a crucial phase in our collective journey toward securing the long-term prosperity and sustainability of our esteemed institution. Over the course of my tenure thus far, we have together achieved significant milestones that have stabilized and enhanced the governance and operations of MUT. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the unwavering support and invaluable contributions of the University's management, staff, students, and other stakeholders. Your dedication and commitment have been the driving force behind MUT's progress, and I deeply appreciate the role each of you has played.

As we move forward into this final phase of my tenure, our focus will shift toward completing the remaining critical tasks that are fundamental to the future success of the University. These tasks include:

1. **Appointment and Installation of a New University Council**

The establishment of a fully functional and effective Council is critical to ensuring strong governance and strategic leadership. The installation of a new Council will safeguard the institution's growth and accountability, positioning MUT for continued success.

2. **Finalization of Recruitment for Senior Management Positions**

Our ongoing recruitment process will ensure that the University is led by a competent and visionary senior management team. This leadership team will play a key role in guiding MUT through future challenges while advancing its mission and vision.

3. **Completion of the University's 5-Year Development Plan**

This comprehensive plan will chart the University's future course, focusing on academic excellence, infrastructure development, and student success. It is an essential roadmap that will ensure MUT remains competitive, innovative, and responsive to the evolving higher education landscape.

The achievements we have reached so far, alongside the successful completion of these remaining tasks, will create a foundation for MUT's sustained growth and prominence. Together, we have made tremendous progress, and with your continued support, we will ensure that MUT emerges stronger and better equipped for the future.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all members of the MUT community: management, staff, students, and stakeholders alike. Your commitment and collaboration have been the cornerstone of our accomplishments. I look forward to working with you to complete this final phase of my tenure and to secure the future of this great University.

Sincerely,

Professor Lourens van Staden

**ADMINISTRATOR
MANGOSUTHU UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

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