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### **Press Release 19 of 2014: Minister of Health appoints new Council of medical schemes regulator**

The Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi has appointed a new Council to oversee the governance of the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS), regulator of the medical schemes industry.

The CMS supervises a massive and very important industry: There are about 83 medical schemes in South Africa with around 8 776 279 beneficiaries. These schemes have a total annual contribution flow of about R129.8 billion.

The Council determines overall policy, but day to day decisions and management of staff are the responsibility of the Registrar and the General Managers.

Prof Yosuf Veriava has been re-appointed as Chairperson of Council. He is a retired professor of medicine at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. Council members who have been re-appointed are: Dr Loyiso Mpuntsha, a medical doctor and Chief Executive Officer of the South African National Blood Service (SANBS). Ms Lunah Nevhutalu, an INSEAD MBA graduate with over 5 years financial markets experience who provides financial expertise to non-banking financial institutions. Prof. Bonke Clayton Dumisa, an Academic and Attorney.

Newly appointed members of Council are: Ms Maboye Mosidi, a senior professional nurse who holds several nursing and nursing management qualifications. She is the General Secretary of the South African Democratic Nurses Union (SADNU).

Mr Johan van der Walt, a chartered accountant and former executive manager and Board member of SA Tourism with board, audit and risk committee and executive management experience.

Mr Moremi Nkosi, holds a masters degree in public health and is currently working at the National Department of Health as a Technical Specialist on National Health Insurance Policy.

Dr Matlodi Steven Mabela, holds a PhD in Economics and is currently the Operations and Corporate Strategy Executive of the Institute for Corporate and Social Development SA and was involved in establishing the Gauteng Economic Development Agency.

Adv. Harshila Khoosal Kooverjie, is a practicing advocate and member of the Pretoria Society of Advocates who works extensively in the fields of tax, labour, intellectual property, commercial law and alternative dispute resolution.

Prof Sadhasivan Perumal, holds a doctorate of commerce and lectures at the University of KwaZulu-Natal School of Business Management with extensive lecturing and publishing experience who has served on numerous boards and committees.

Mr Daniel Lehutjo, Acting Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the CMS, said “we welcome the appointment of the new Council. We look forward to the insight and expertise from the new Council as they help direct the regulator in achieving its vision of striving to be a fair custodian of equitable access to medical schemes in order to support the improvement of universal access to healthcare.”

“We take this opportunity to congratulate those appointed and wish them well in their tenure,” said Lehutjo.

Members of the Council represent a variety of skills and backgrounds, and include experts in law, finance, actuarial sciences, economics, medical sciences, corporate governance and consumer affairs. Council members are appointed on a part-time basis for a period of up to 3 years.

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