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**RE: SHECASA – Safety, Health and Environmental Campus Association of South Africa**

A Tertiary Association focused on Occupational Health, Safety and Environmental Management

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**CEO: USAF**

A number of Tertiary Institutions in South Africa has informally been in contact with one another in an attempt to share information and expertise in the application and management of the National Laws governing Occupational Health and Safety and Environmental Management. Consensus amongst Tertiary Institutions is that the application of these Laws at a Tertiary Institution is of a unique nature due to the Academic Environment. The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University and Tshwane University of Technology have jointly recognized the need to formalize networking between Tertiary Institutions. Subsequently all Tertiary Institutions of South Africa were invited to attend a workshop to discuss the relevance of establishing a formal Association during 2011. The workshop was attended by all Tertiary Institutions invited and it was unanimously agreed that an Association of this nature would be in the best interest of all Tertiary Institutions in South Africa, with a possibility of extending it to other African and International Countries in future. At this meeting the name SHECASA has also been adopted.

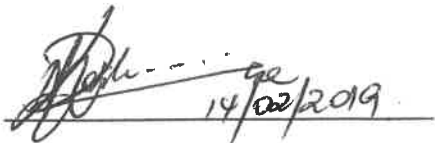
At the first official meeting of the members of SHECASA, on 19 July 2012 at The Tshwane University of Technology, an Executive Committee has been elected. The Vision, Mission and Objectives of the Association as well as the Constitution have also been adopted.

The Executive Committee had meetings in 2013 and early in 2014 to draft an action plan and determine the way forward. The inaugural SHECASA conference took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of August 2014 at the University of Cape Town.

SHECASA will act solely in the best interest of Tertiary Institutions and this endeavor is directly associated with the promotion of the best interest of all Vice Chancellors (OHSAct Section 16(1) appointees). The support of the Vice Chancellors of Tertiary Institutions is therefore important to the success of SHECASA and it is through your office as CEO of USAF that we will be able to get the much needed support and commitment.

The purpose of this letter was to introduce SHECASA to you and to request your endorsement of and support for this association.

Yours Faithfully,



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Lehlohonolo Mokhohlouloane  
SHECASA President

I, Ahmed C Bawa, on behalf of USAF, pledge support and commitment to the SHECASA to be fully recognized in the institutions of higher to be the custodians and ambassadors of the health and safety activities within the University spaces.

I acknowledge and understand the responsibilities that SHECASA has in ensuring that the issues of Health and Safety as according to Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993 are a matter of compliance to the regulations of the country and that as Institutions of Higher Learning, it is our responsibility to comply to such.

Signed at Durban on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Signature: Ahmed C Bawa

CEO" USAF