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Dear Sanelisiwe Jantjies,

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RE: Comment on Discussion Paper: The Department Of Higher Education And Training (DHET) and Business Unity South Africa (BUSA): SETA Grant Regulations

On behalf of the South African Association of Freight Forwarders (SAAFF), we would like to convey sincere thanks to BUSA to submit herewith our comments with regard to the Minister's invitation to discuss the above.

By way of introduction, SAAFF is a non-profit organisation which was formed in 1921 and is a national association with over 300 members employing approximately 22 000 people throughout the Republic of South Africa. SAAFF also acts as South African National Association (i.e. voting member) of the global industry body, the International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA). The current President of FIATA, Mr. Basil Peterson, is the first South African to have been elected to this prestigious position.

International trade plays a key role in the economy of our country and, as freight forwarders, our members are dedicated to facilitating this function through their involvement in the management of international transportation via all modes, customs clearing, documentation, third party payments and many other elements of international supply chains. Globalisation and the need to reduce cost over the entire supply chain are transforming our industry in ways that are innovative and functional both in South Africa and across the world.

In our view the funding generated through the Skills Development Levy is a vitally important national asset for the building of the full personal development of each individual, for our social and economic development and for the international competitiveness of the nation at large.

In light of the serious regard we have for the issues on which are being asked we have provided the attached comment.

We are looking forward to participation in any actions which will result in these funds being more effectively deployed and to developing this important element of National Strategy in further consultation with you.

Yours faithfully

David Logan
Chief Information Officer