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The Executive Officer: National Skills Authority

**RE: Call for Public Comment on the National Skills Authority (NSA) Draft Regulations to Conduct Investigations**

On behalf of the South African Association of Freight Forwarders (SAAFF), we would like to convey sincere thanks to the National Skills Authority (NSA) for the opportunity to submit herewith our comments regarding the above draft Regulations.

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 12 000 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 SETAs are a vitally important 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 to provide comment we are more than prepared to engage further with the NSA on the implementation of any of the recommendations we have made.

We look forward to developing this important element of National Strategy in further consultation with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Logan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dave Logan  
**Chief Executive Officer**