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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 4602

Ms S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) On what date was the final advertisement placed for applications for members of the Board of the SA Bureau of Standards;
- (2) (a) what was the cut-off date for applications and (b) on what date was the draft of the final list completed;
- (3) whether the Acting Director-General discussed the issue of the Board with him; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the dates on which the discussions took place;
- (4) whether the Deputy Minister discussed the issue of the Board with him; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of the dates on which the discussions took place?NW5602E

REPLY

An advertisement relating to membership of the SABS Board was placed in April 2021 and this was supplemented with a head-hunting exercise, to ensure an appropriate blend of skills, expertise and experience. The comments and advice of both the Director General and the Deputy Minister were taken into account in finalising a list of names.

The Board members appointed following these processes are as follows:

- Dr Sandile Bethuel Malinga (Chairperson)
- Dr Rudzani Nematudi
- Dr Mukondeleli Grace Kanakana-Katumba
- Ms Deidre Penfold
- Ms Gloria Mnguni
- Dr Ron Josias
- Ms Nandipha Madiba
- Mr Tumi Tsehlo

The appointment of the new board members will augment the progress made in bringing stability to an institution that plays an important role in supporting South African consumers and the business community.

Each board member brings a wealth of experience, with members drawn from the private and public sectors.

Dr Sandile Bethuel Malinga is the new Chairperson of the board. He has a PhD in Physics from Rhodes University and as a space physics researcher, he has published in recognised international scientific and technology journals.

Dr Malinga previously worked as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the South African National Space Agency (SANSA) and has more than 18 years working experience in the aviation and aerospace industry. He currently works for the Air Traffic and Navigation Services.

Dr Rudzani Nematudi has a PhD in Semiconductor Physics, He is experienced in research, policy development, nano-technology and analytical techniques. He has served as an Independent Member of the National Metrology Institute of South Africa (NMISA) and as a Board Member of the International Council of Scientific Unions.

Dr Mukondeleli Grace Kanakana-Katumba has a D Phil in Engineering Management and is currently the Executive Dean of Engineering and the Built Environment at the Tshwane University of Technology and is an industrial engineer.

Ms Nandipha Madiba has a BCom (Acc) and an MBA, with extensive experience in corporate governance, human resource management, strategic business management, risk management, policy monitoring and evaluation.

Mr Tumisang Tsehlo has an MSc in Engineering, (Electromech, Industrial), with extensive experience in technical infrastructure, accreditation and technical infrastructure governance.

Ms Deidre Penfold has a BCom (Hons) in Economics and currently works as an Executive Director at the Chemical and Allied Industries Association. She has extensive experience in stakeholder management, policy development, project management, research and training.

Ms Gloria Mnguni is a Chartered Accountant with extensive Committee experience, lectured at the University of Johannesburg and worked for a period in the Parliamentary Budget Office.

Dr Ron Josias has a PhD in Public Administration with extensive experience in technical infrastructure, accreditation and technical infrastructure governance. He has also served previously as CEO of the SA National Accreditation System (SANAS).

The SABS is important because it is our national standardization authority, responsible for maintaining South Africa's database of more than 6 500 national standards, as well as developing new standards and revising, amending or withdrawing existing standards as required. It is a vital to our industrialisation and job creation efforts. A well-functioning SABS means that a high quality service is available to consumers and businesses.

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