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Dear Mr Padayachee

POSTPONEMENT OF THE EVALUATION OF THE 2014 KHA RI GUDE LAPs

Thank you for your helpful and open communication of the 10th February in relation to the situation in Kha ri Gude.

This is an urgent request to initiate SAQA verification at KRG centres that are ready.

SAQA's arrangements for the verification of the campaign's results were at an advanced stage when we received your letter. Teams had been contracted around the country, and have received their first tranches to enable them to start visits as agreed with you.

We urgently need to proceed with visits to those sites which we have already contacted and which have indicated that they are ready. These sites, especially in Gauteng, which have reported to our teams that they are in the process of submitting their LAPs, pose a problem. If the site closes down, it becomes difficult to conduct a site visit with full returns. This could severely compromise the validity of our findings.

More seriously, perhaps, it may mean that most of our data eventually comes from a distorted sample of sites that have run unsatisfactory programmes, and therefore reflect badly on the general performance of Kha Ri Gude. Our mandate is not to conduct an evaluation, but an authentication of the identity of the learners and the validity of their LAPs as reflections of their learning. It is neither possible nor necessary that we conduct the site visits only at the very end of the programme. We accommodate different levels of completion.

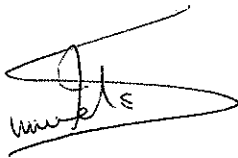
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Incidentally, the information gleaned by our teams when making contact with the full sample of sites provides valuable insights into the situation. It supports your perception of late and under-performance, but also show a pleasing number of sites which seem to be up to the mark. We will happily share this information with you.

We therefore ask you to sanction us to continue our visits with the sites that are ready. We intend to arrange a meeting with you as you suggest in your letter of the 5th February once this current exercise is completed and we have a clearer perspective on the situation.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Samuels', enclosed within a large, stylized, hand-drawn oval shape.

JOE SAMUELS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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