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## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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### WITHDRAWAL OF THE OUTCOMES OF THE 2006 THRIP GRANTS

Dear Colleagues of the Research Community

In the light of the recent announcement of the 2006 THRIP Awards, I am calling for calm as I interact with the Acting Director-General of Trade and Industry, Mr Tshediso Matona to negotiate a review of the decisions and outcomes. The NRF feels strongly that the proposed outcomes are disruptive to the research community, especially the student base and are not in line with the mode of engagement of the NRF.

This stance has been supported by the large number of complaints we have received from the research community, which we are sensitive to.

In the interim all awards have been frozen until further notice depending on the outcome of the above mentioned interaction.

I wish to sincerely apologise for the anxiety caused to the research system and the delay in the release of the 2006 grants, and will do all in my power to amicably resolve this matter with **the dti**.

Yours sincerely

*(Signature reproduced electronically on request)*

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