

**Minister of Education to launch National Institute for Higher Education
(NIHE) in Mpumalanga, Saturday, 21 October 2006**

19 October 2006

The Minister of Education, Mrs Naledi Pandor (MP), accompanied by the Premier of Mpumalanga, Mr Thabang Makwetla, and the MEC for Education, Mr Siphosizwe Masango, will on Saturday, 21 October 2006, at 12h00 officially launch the NIHE at the eMnothweni Arena, Nelspruit in Mpumalanga.

The launch is in accordance with the National Plan for Higher Education, which proposed the establishment of the NIHE in Mpumalanga and the Northern Cape provinces to facilitate the provision of higher education.

Following the nomination processes by the provinces, the Minister of Education approved the appointment of the Boards in July and September 2006.

Members of Board for the NIHE in Mpumalanga are the following:

Prof. Bennie Khoapa (Chairperson)

Prof. Calie Pistorius

Prof. Errol Tyobeka

Prof. Roy du Pré

Prof. CF Swanepoel

Dr Khehla Ndlovu

Dr Henry van Zyl

Dr Nomsa Mlondo

Ms BP Mkwanazi

Prof. Nomathemba V Magi

Mr **Bradley Brouwer**

The main objective of the NIHE is to co-ordinate the regional provision of higher education by ensuring the coherent provision of higher education through programme collaboration between public higher education institutions operating in the province. The NIHE will also advise the Minister on matters relating to the co-ordination of the provision of higher education.

Media is invited.

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