



## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR NOKUTHULA SIBIYA AS VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL OF MANGOSUTHU UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

### **Dear Members of the Mangosuthu University of Technology Community**

I am deeply honoured to announce the appointment of Professor Nokuthula Sibiya as the new Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT). She will start her tenure on 01 August 2024. This appointment marks a historic and transformative moment for our institution as Professor Sibiya becomes the first female Vice-Chancellor and Principal in the 45-year history of MUT. Her extensive experience as an academic, researcher, and leader uniquely positions her to guide MUT toward a future of innovation, excellence, and community impact.

Professor Sibiya's life and work embody the true essence of heroism - not through grand, public gestures, but through her consistent and dedicated efforts to uplift her community. Born and raised in Umlazi Township, KwaZulu-Natal, Professor Sibiya has a profound understanding of the socio-economic challenges faced by our community. Her journey from the local schools of Umlazi to her remarkable achievements in higher education is a testament to her unwavering commitment to education and empowerment.

Beginning her professional life as a nurse, she developed strong empathy and problem-solving skills, focusing on maternal and child health. Her nursing career provided her with hands-on insights into community health issues and healthcare disparities, fostering a passion for improving healthcare outcomes in disadvantaged communities. Transitioning to academia, Professor Sibiya pursued further education in nursing and healthcare management, entering the academic world with a wealth of practical experience. She has since climbed the ranks in higher education administration, focusing her research on improving healthcare outcomes in disadvantaged communities.

As the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Research, Innovation, and Engagement, and Acting Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Sibiya has been instrumental in shaping MUT's community-focused strategy. Her leadership has leveraged university resources for community development, aligning academic excellence with social impact. Her multifaceted approach to development, unwavering commitment to education, and deep connection to her roots make her an exemplary figure in our community. Her dedication truly extends beyond academia.

Professor Sibiya's appointment as the first female Vice-Chancellor and Principal of MUT represents a significant step forward for our university. Her strategic vision, combined with her deep commitment to our community, positions her to lead our university into a new era of growth and innovation. I am confident that under her leadership, MUT will continue to thrive as a centre of academic excellence and social impact.

Please join me in welcoming Professor Nokuthula Sibiya as our new Vice-Chancellor and Principal. Together, we will support her in driving the strategic initiatives that will shape the future of Mangosuthu University of Technology.

Sincerely,

PROF LOURENS VAN STADEN

**ADMINISTRATOR: MANGOSUTHU UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

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