



POST: MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVE (1) TO SERVE ON THE POTATO INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (PIDT)

The National Agricultural Marketing Council's division dealing with Agricultural Industry Trusts has a mandate to facilitate the communication process between the Agricultural Industry Trusts and the Minister of Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF). Among other things, Agricultural Industry Trusts Division is expected to facilitate the process of the appointment of Ministerial Trustees. This release is aimed at fulfilling that activity regarding the PIDT.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PIDT:

- (a) Basic as well as applied agricultural research, including potato cultivar development and evaluation, and the dissemination of all relevant technical information;
- (b) The gathering, processing, analysing and compiling of industry-related information, including market statistics, and the dissemination thereof;
- (c) The creation of market access for emerging farmers (small and medium scale), including development projects related to the potato production marketing chain; and
- (d) The development of foreign markets for South African potatoes and generic promotions of potatoes.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA TO SERVE AS A MINISTERIAL TRUSTEE:

- (a) Be a South African citizen;
- (b) Understand and/or be able to analyse & interpret the financial statements and investments;
- (c) Should have knowledge of agriculture, forestry and fisheries;
- (d) Should have knowledge and understanding of transformation policies of the government;
- (e) Possess a desire to advocate and advance the needs of smallholder farmers;
- (f) Not be an immediate family member nor be involved in a business venture with NAMC members;
- (g) Be influential and able to work effectively as a member of a team;
- (h) Understand ethics and corporate governance principles;
- (i) Willingness to accept trustee duties and responsibilities; and
- (j) Have an understanding of agricultural trusts and their objectives.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTERIAL TRUSTEES:

- (a) Ministerial trustees have a legal obligation to take shared responsibility for the agricultural industry trusts in which they represent the Minister on, and must ensure that;
 - i. The trust pursues its objectives or purposes as set out in the trust deed;
 - ii. The assets of the trust are protected and used exclusively to pursue its purposes; and
 - iii. The trust complies with the law and its governing documents.
- (b) The Ministerial trustees should be available for trust meetings and report to the NAMC regarding the key issues discussed and decisions taken during the meeting;
- (c) Report to the NAMC regarding activities of the trust on a continuous basis;

- (d) Ensure that agricultural industry trust funds are utilized in a manner that is consistent with objectives of the trusts deed and that transformation projects of trusts are undertaken in accordance with the transformation charters for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE:

- (a) Agriculture and awareness of emerging farmer issues;
- (b) Serving the public interests;
- (c) Governance;
- (d) Diversity;
- (e) Financial management;
- (f) Political/ Local, Provincial and National government knowledge; and
- (g) Legal

TERMS OF MINISTERIAL TRUSTEES:

The terms of the Ministerial trustees differ from one trust to another and is guided by the Trust Deed of each trust. Ministerial trustees may serve only two consecutive terms and the reappointment is subject to the performance and commitment of the trustee in the first term. The trustee who has served for two consecutive terms will normally not stand for reappointment.

Please forward your Curriculum Vitae (CV) to Mr. Matsobane Mpyana at mmpyana@namc.co.za and Ms. Precious Yeki PYeki@namc.co.za , closing date: 15 May 2018. If you have not been contacted within three months of the closing date, please note that your application was unsuccessful.