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Sent: 28 September 2012 04:16 PM
To: John April
Cc: Archie Mokonane

Dear John

Thank you very much for the certificates. Can you please send me the breakdown of the assessment prices from your organisation. Secondly, can we make time with Archi and you to discuss the way forward for the ALN? The three of us are busy but we can squeeze in an hour or so to meet and come up with something.

Kind regards

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From: John April [mailto:john@benchmark.co.za]
Sent: 09 October 2012 11:15 AM
To: Ramarumo, Morongwa

Subject: Benchmark mock exams for AET level 1: Kha Ri Gude
Importance: High

Good morning Dr Ramarumo

I was thinking the other day and I am speaking under correction that Umalusi/PEDs does not really “recognise” the achievements in the LAPS.

So how about us doing a small pilot to see whether your learners would cope in terms of the standard that we set for the AET level 1's? I have attached a copy of our mock exams for AET level 1. You can use it as a “placement tool” to check the competence at level 1. We can then issue certificates to validate this.

We can talk about the costs and logistics at a later stage, but please think about it and let me know what you think.

I can come and see you sometime next week.

Looking forward to your positive response.

Kind regards,

John

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Comment from John Aitchison 12 October 2012

This is part of the machinations of the Umalusi faction who have set up a new commercial assessment agency that is actually part of Media Works (who previously used IEB) but were then shown by Eardly and co how to set up their own agency. [In passing it is highly irregular for a commercial provider to set up its own assessment agency].

In terms of the April letter:

Firstly, it is totally incorrect to say that Umalusi and the Provincial Education Department's do not recognise the LAPs. The credit is given on the NQF by SAQA which was authorised to do by by Umalusi when the latter indicated that it did not have the current capacity to verify at this stage. The Certificate issued to Kha Ri Gude learners is issued by the Department of Basic Education [so therefore should be recognised by all provincial departments of Education].

Secondly, all April is wanting it to be the examining and certificating agency for Kha Ri Gude and to be paid to do so.

This is completely unnecessary as the Department issues the Certificate for free and the Verification Workshops by SAQA provide the examination moderation.