

Dear Pharmacy Professional/Stakeholder,

**From the President: Retirement of Mr TA Masango as Registrar**

The success-filled 16-year tenure of Mr TA Masango as the Registrar/CEO of the South African Pharmacy Council (SAPC) will come to a glorious conclusion on Sunday, 31 January 2021. Mr Masango joined the SAPC in 2001, and rose through the ranks to attain the highest position of leadership in the Office of Council in 2004.

He has led the Office with diligence, dedication and prudence over the previous 16 years. This is evident in the consistent clean audit opinions by external auditors and confirmations of good governance and magnificent performance by internal auditors over the years.

He has been in the pharmacy profession for 32 years, post-graduation. At the dawn of democracy, and prior to his joining the Office of the Registrar, he served the pharmacy profession and South Africans with diligence as a Council Member (SAPC) – a role he occupied for one term.

During his 16-year tenure as the Registrar, Mr Masango ably supported four constituted Councils and assisted them to achieve their mandate as outlined in the Pharmacy Act, 53 of 1974.

It would be a disservice if, in our attempt to make this communicate as short as possible, we fail to acknowledge the immense contribution he has made in attaining gender and population group parity, and in successfully leading the implementation of Council's efforts to provide the country with sufficient Pharmacy human resource capacity. When Mr Masango ascended the position of Registrar in 2004 the country had only about 10 000 pharmacists and less than 4 000 pharmacy support personnel. Today as he retires, there are more than 17 000 pharmacists and more than 19 000 pharmacy support personnel serving South Africa and her people. The consolidated register of the SAPC today stands at 46 000 persons.

It is with a great sense of gratitude and appreciation that we wish Mr Masango a joyous retirement period and all the success in his post-retirement endeavours.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Mogologolo Phasha

**President: South African Pharmacy Council**