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Subject: NAFCOC Mourns the untimely death of Mr Churchill Mrasi, a Stalwart, Former Deputy President and its Affiliated Sector Leader of SALTHA

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National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NAFCOC) mourns the untimely passing of its former Deputy President Mr. Churchill Mrasi, who was also the President of its affiliated sector SALTHA.

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we inform our NAFCOC leadership and members, fellow black business and South Africans of the passing of our tried and tested entrepreneur and a champion of economic emancipation and inclusive economic growth in the country.

Mr. Mrasi was one of the longest serving members of the oldest and largest chamber of commerce and industry, NAFCOC and has held several positions over the years within NAFCOC. His last position was that of National Deputy President which he held between 2014 and 2018. On the hand Mr Mrasi was the founding member and President of the South African Leisure and Tourism Association, a Constituent Affiliated member of NAFCOC.

He alongside with the founding President of NAFCOC, Dr Richard Maponya were instrumental and hands-on business people who dedicated their times to be with the masses and clients in the townships such as SOWETO. He was well known within the Soweto Shebeen and Tarvens Owners Association. He also contributed immensely during the formation of black business Council, the brainchild of NAFCOC, during phase one and phase two.

The National Executive Committee (NEC) of NAFCOC and on behalf of its Federal Council wishes to express their heartfelt condolences to the Mrasi family and friends. We pray for their strength during this trying time and wish them quicker recovery and comfort.

May his soul rest in eternal peace. For any further enquiry please contact family spokesperson/s Mr Wandi Kambule @ 0719332239 and Boetie Letsoela @ 0835262986.

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FACTS ABOUT NAFCOC:

The National African Federated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NAFCOC) is a Federated Chamber comprised of over twenty industry specific sectors of the economy with approximately 2.3 million total membership and associates, whilst targeting approximately 5m by 2023. NAFCOC was established in 1964 after consultation with OR Tambo and his comrades in Zambia and remain as one of the oldest and largest business chambers in South Africa. It has a huge presence and representation in all 9 provinces , all regions and all local municipality levels of South Africa. NAFCOC's main objective is to promote and encourage the development of small business and in particular black business in South Africa and thereby draw the majority from the peripheries to the frontlines of main economic activity and decision making. Its first and founding President is Dr. Richard Maponya and its Head Quarters are situated at Dr. Richard Maponya House in RIVONIA-JHB RSA.