INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT TO MATLA TRUST/FRESA ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY THE BATLAGAE TRUST 29 SEPTEMBER 1993

INTRODUCTION:

This document is an interim progress report that covers the period January to September 1993. It makes specific reference to those students who are being sponsored by funds made available for this purpose by the Fund for a Free South Africa (FRESA) via the Matla Trust. A final progress report on the activities of these scholars as well as an annual general report on the Batiagae Trust in general, will be submitted in March 1994 together with audited financial statements for the organization.

The Batlagae was specifically established in 1991 to extend 'educational assistance to returnees nd the children of returnees by not only facilitating their placement in educational institutions, but also by providing them with counselling support and financial assistance to cover the costs of tuition fees, books, uniforms and in exceptionally needy cases, even transport. By extending this service to.returnees and their children, the Batlagae Trust hopes to have been instrumental in effecting the smooth re-integration of returned exiles into South African society, in as much as this is possible.

The Batlagae Trust is sincerely grateful to Matla Trust/FRESA for their ongoing commitment to our programmes, as well as the moral support of our work that this support represents.

2. BURSARY PROGRAMME:

The Batlagae Trust continues with the smooth implementation of its successful bursary programme on a regional and national level. The overall 1993 programme to date has seen the sponsorship of 2 460 students at all levels of study. In addition to providing financial support to returnee students, the Batlagae Trust has also provided them with vital support services like career guidance, personal and academic counselling as well as re-orientation programmes.

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Of the 2 460 supported by the Batlagae Trust bursary programme,135 have been supported by Matla Trust/Fresa over the 1993 academic year at the following schools:

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- a. Sacred Heart College M58. 426, H32;
- b. Phambili High School _ 40 .33 7
- c. Bophelo Impilo Institute , 23 7'5 7
- d. United Church School _ 15 _JO m. WTWEMH _L3_5_ _ ___ 5_'

Collaboration between the Batlagae Trust and each of the schools concerned has been satisfactory and to date, no problems have been encountered. The Batlagae Trust is in receipt of academic progress reports for each sponsored student, and these are appendixed to this report. If any additional information is required on any of the students, this will be provided. (Also attached, please find receipts from each of the schools).

3. ADMINISTRATION:

In accordance with agreements reached between the Batlagae Trust and Mandy Chinasamy on 19 February, 1993, Ms Dot Mkwanazi, senior bursary administrator of the Batlagae Trust, became a Batlagae Trust employee on our payroll as from March 1993. As agreed, Matla Trust/FRESA contributed an amount of R42 900 towards administration costs which have been utilised for Ms Mkwanaziis salary. She has performed all of her duties very well throughout the course of this year, and has worked closely with all four of the schools involved in this particular venture. On occasions she has even given counselling to students and parents where this was necessary. Ms Mkwanazi also made a visit to Phambili High School in Durban in order to monitor the progress of children there, and continues to work closely with the three other schools in Johannesburg. The Batlagae Trust is very satisfied with her performance. It was agreed that the amount of R42 900 would be transferred to the Batlagae Trust in two equal installments of R21 450 in March and September respectively. The Batlagae 93534#ed has received the March installment, but at the time of compiling this report has yet to receive the second installment.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The 1993 allocation of R402 000.00 from Matla Trust/Fresa to the Batlagae Trust has been disbursed as follows:

- a. Sacred Heart College 171 000.00 b. Phambili High School 108 000.00
- c. Bophelo Impilo Institute 29 908.00
- d. United Church School 49 500.00
- e. Administration 42 900.00

TOTAL 36135536"

There is a current balance in the amount of R692.00 on the Matla Trust/FRESA allocation to the Batlagae Trust.

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