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Dear Ms Aalto

Thank you for your letter of 9 May 1994 and for your congratulations on South Africa's transition to democracy.

It has been an extremely busy time for us all, and we apologise that our report to you is somewhat later than expected. Our correspondence of 3 November 1993 and 25 November 1993 indicated that an interim report on INTERSDLID funding would reach you by the end of April, and I am sure you will appreciate that our considerable involvement in this long-awaited election has meant that we have found it almost impossible to keep to this schedule.

However, I am pleased to attach now an interim report on your grant for Programme Q. This should provide you with a good overview of the extent to which the funding has assisted South Africa's young people to gain the skills which this country so urgently needs for its reconstruction and development.

Further to our letter of 9 December 1993, also attached is a detailed proposal for 1994/95 INTERSULID funding for the project we propose to refer to as Programme B. You will see that this programme also covers students who are presently undergoing technical training, and who have already demonstrated their ability and discipline to succeed in a range of technical courses. Once again, I stress the great need which South Africa has for people with this training. Their skills will be vital in helping to rebuild our economy and uplift the lives of those who have been severely marginalised by apartheid.

I trust that all this is in order, and we thank you again for your patience and your commitment to support us in training young people for the successful reconstruction of our country.

With very best wishes

Yours sincerely

Executive Director

INTERIM REPORT TO INTERSULID ON

PROGRAMME A TECHNICAL TRAINING OF THE BATLAGAE TRUST

Skills training for young people in a variety of technical areas has been identified as one of the areas which must receive considerable attention if South Africa is to be able to successfully address its rebuilding and development needs.

Programme A covers the training of 28 returned exiles to South Africa in a variety of technical skills, which will enable them to enter employment with recognised practical qualifications, and thereby make a valuable contribution to the reconstruction and development of their country.

The funding for Programme A was received by the Batlagae Trust in two instalments:

04-11-93 R34 000.00

18-01-94 R33 500.00

Total Received: R67 500.00

As at the end of April 1994, the allocations are as follows:

Funding utilised: R65 257.17

Allocated to administration R 2 242.3

Total Funding Amount R67 500.00

A detailed breakdown of costs for each student is attached.

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Training Courses of Efrogamme Q Student:

The 28 students in this programme followed a variety of technical training courses, including studies in the fields of industrial electronics, motor mechanics, PC (computer) and micro-processor repairs, secretarial skills and sewing and dressmaking.

These courses were completed at a variety of technical training institutes and practical learning sites within the greater Johannesburg region.

A detailed list of students, their courses and the costs incurred \$Dr each, is attached for your information.

Copies of certificates and course end reports \$Dr each student will be forwarded to you as soon as we receive them from students and institutions.

Conclusion

The 28 young returnees sponsored under INTERSOLID'S Programme A project have benefitted from technical skills training, and are now in a position to enter employment and thereby contribute to the enormous reconstruction and development of their country. The talents of these young people might have otherwise been a lost resource to the cause of upliftment in South Africa, and the Batlagae Trust remains extremely grateful to INTERSOLID for offering such opportunities to the youth of this country.

Executive Director

17 May 1994 .

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