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Re: Ms Itumeleng Zosela

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As the PhD promotor of Ms Itumeleng Zosela, it is a pleasure to recommend Ms Zosela for the Laureate Forum 2025.

Ms Zosela is a very talented young black woman, and with her hard working character, one understands that she will play a leadership role in science. She is a creative thinker that studied MSc Nanoscience, because she wanted to be trained with cutting edge knowledge. She received her MSc with distinction and focuses her PhD on the development of green gold nanoparticles to combat colon cancer, since her passion is to improve quality of life with Science Innovation.

Ms Zosela is a team worker. She is always supporting other students in the lab and would explain applications scientifically to others. She takes responsibility in the lab and earned the respect of her fellow students and staff. Attending this Laureate Forum in Hong Kong will benefit her extensively, because in November 2025 she would have started her postdoc career in Nanomedicine and this exposure will help her to plan and navigate her career as a young scientist. Because Ms Zosela is a natural leader who can easily engage with others, I know she will comfortably share her scientific journey with others at the Forum, but will also share her experience in Hong Kong and encourage other young scientists when returning home.

Ms Zosela has obtained several awards due to her work ethics, her bright mind and good communication skills. She has published a peer reviewed article and has given national and international conference presentations.

I expect Ms Zosela to be a successful scientist who will excel in entrepreneurial scientific applications. Her personality and her strong attitude of perseverance make me excited to support her and to see how she develops further with opportunities that she gets.

Please contact me if you need more information.

Kind Regards

Prof Saartjie Roux.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Roux'.

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