PLEDGE OF PARTNERSHIP

By the SANAC Business Representatives on intensifying their role in the realization of the goals of the National Strategic Plan on HIV, AIDS, STIs and TB 2012-2016 and the revitalized HIV/AIDS Counselling and Testing Campaign

Business representatives and the South African Business Coalition on Health and AIDS (SABCOHA), as a representative of the private sector in SANAC, gathered here at eMbalenhle Township, Gert Sibande District, Mpumalanga on the 8th November 2014, under the auspices of the South African National Aids Council (SANAC), hosted by SASOL. We have participated in deliberations on the state of the HIV/AIDS and TB epidemics in South Africa led by the Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa and Chair of SANAC, and the Minister of Health. Recognizing the negative impact of the dual epidemics on our people and the successful interventions which have in recent years both lowered and mitigated the impact of these diseases,

hereby make the following pledge:

1. We commit to make a contribution to the achievement of the goals set out in the National Strategic Plan on HIV, AIDS, STIs and TB 2012-2016.

Which are:

- Halving the number of new HIV infections
- Ensuring that at least 80% of people who are eligible for treatment for HIV are receiving it;
- Halving the number of new TB infections and deaths from TB;
- Ensuring that the rights of people living with HIV are protected; and
- Halving the stigma related to HIV and TB

2. We are committed to intensifying our role in the Revitalized HCT Campaign by:

- Assisting in fast-tracking of community screening for HIV and TB
- Encouraging companies to accelerate workplace screening programmes for HIV and TB
- Reporting Private Sector HIV and TB data to SANAC.

3. We are committed to a strong partnership with the Department of Health and other South African National Aids Council (SANAC) sectors and will work closely with them to ensure that the HIV Counselling and Testing Campaign package of services reach and benefit all our people. To this end we commit to signing an agreement with the Department of Health that would fully outline the elements of our collaboration in the rollout and intensification of the HCT Campaign and other health services to our members and surrounding communities.

4. We will ensure that as business representatives we participate fully in all SANAC structures established to govern and monitor the HIV/AIDS and TB response at sub-district, district, provincial and national levels.

We sign this pledge with appreciation that Government and SANAC are willing to collaborate with the business sector to achieve common goals of mitigating the impacts of the dual epidemics on the people of South Africa.

Duly signed:

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Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa & Chair of SANAC

Dr P. Aaron Motsoaledi  
Minister of Health

Mr David Mabuza  
Premier of Mpumalanga Province

Dr Vanessa Govender  
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