Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences warmly congratulates Nelson Mandela University on the launch of the new medical school, as an addition to the current health professional training in its Faculty of Health Sciences. This exciting development is an important and timely contribution to the training capacity for doctors in South Africa which is currently insufficient to meet the country's needs. It will also extend the scope of NMU's interprofessional education and practice strategy for health professions education. We salute all those (including the late Prof Lungile Pepeta) who have worked so hard over many years to make this a reality. Our Faculty wishes to assure the Executive Dean, Prof Zuki Zingela of its continuing commitment to supporting the further development of the medical programme in the years ahead.

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