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Dear Dr Fantoni

OUTCOME OF EVALUATION AND RATING PROCESS

I have pleasure in informing you that after a rigorous evaluation by peers your application for evaluation and rating has been finalised. The evaluation was based on the quality and the impact of your research outputs, and based on their comments you have been placed in the **C** category at level **C3**.

The **C** category is defined as follows:

Established researchers with a sustained recent record of productivity in the field who are recognised by their peers as having:

- produced a body of quality work, the core of which has coherence and attests to ongoing engagement with the field and
- demonstrated the ability to conceptualise problems and apply research methods to investigating them.

Your rating will be valid for administrative purposes from **01 January 2012** to **31 December 2017**.

Should you have indicated that you wished to receive feedback it is included as an attachment to this letter (see page 2). The feedback from the **process** explains how the **decision** on the **final rating** was obtained, while the **commendations** and **recommendations** are summarised from the reviewer's reports. The commendations may be of interest to you and the recommendations are provided for your information. Please take note that these are the opinions of your peers and do not reflect a NRF view.

Please note, however, that while the NRF will engage in discussion about all aspects of the evaluation **process**, it cannot enter into any discussion on the **contents** (commendations and recommendations) of any feedback supplied.

You are informed that in the event of an **appeal** being lodged by your institution on your behalf against the outcome of the evaluation result, such an appeal should reach the NRF's Monitoring & Evaluation unit within three months of the date of this letter.

Kindly note that you will be required to submit documents for re-evaluation and rating in **2017**. You will be **reminded** in this regard during **2016** when a formal invitation will be extended to you. If you do not submit these documents your rating will **lapse** on **31 December 2017**.

Should you require additional information on the evaluation and rating process kindly access the Monitoring & Evaluation website at www.nrf.ac.za/projects.php?pid=33. You are also most welcome to contact me directly via e-mail at joyce.olivier@nrf.ac.za or by telephone on (012) 481-4106.

Yours sincerely



Joyce Olivier
MANAGER: MONITORING & EVALUATION

cc. A copy of this letter has been sent to the relevant designated authority at your institution.

FEEDBACK: DR RF FANTONI

Feedback from the process: Justification for placement in the category/sub-category

C3 : Most of the reviewers concur that you are an established researcher.

Commendations from reports by reviewers (what reviewers perceive as having been done well):

You have acquired some valuable techniques and analytical skills that should serve you well in future work. Your particular strength could be regarded as the combination of rigorous results in one-dimensional models, analytic calculations in approximate models with numerical computations. Rigorous results allows one to gain insight in the structure of the solution to a problem, while numerical computations are very often required for the full solution - both directions in which you have proven abilities and which is important.

Recommendations from reports by reviewers (issues/areas of concern raised by reviewers that could be developed/expanded upon):

You should now make a serious attempt to develop your own research, which are somewhat related to biophysical systems or fluid materials with nanostructural relevance. Consider applying your techniques to new broadly relevant problems, especially some of which that would impact the work of other scientists, and ultimately be applicable to e.g. the food industry and impact society, all of which you have shown potential for. This could be achieved through collaboration with experimentalists, e.g. in the area of soft matter. Continue building your own significant body of work by consistently producing single and first authored articles in highly regarded international publications, e.g. ISI-accredited journals with high impact factors, where your work could be visible and cited. This is necessary to establish your own independent research profile.