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Prof Yusef Waghid Editor in Chief: South African Journal of Higher Education (SAJHE) P.O. Box 3003 Matieland 7602

Dear Sir,

I have been asked to submit a letter setting out my credentials for editing a paper and to confirm language proficiency.

I am a first-language English speaker who graduated from the University of Natal (now University of KwaZulu-Natal) in 1987 as a teacher, qualified to teach English (first and second language), History and Biblical Studies. After nine years' teaching in KwaZulu-Natal, I relocated to Gauteng where I taught for another year and a half. Needing a change in life, I moved across into publishing with friends. We produced language CDs and various publications in key areas to help build the new "Rainbow nation". Over the past twelve years I have edited various documents and books, primarily the *National Agricultural Directory* (which became *The Agri Handbook for South Africa*), a project done with the National Department of Agriculture.

I reviewed the paper 'Seven problems with the "scarce skills" discourse in South Africa', and made minor recommendations. It is proficient in language and content, and I have no reservations in its being considered for publication in your journal.

Yours faithfully

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