

ANNEXURE F - REFUSAL OF CERTAIN RECORDS

RECORDS THAT MAY BE REFUSED ACCESS TO

Section 9 (b)(ii) of PAIA recognises that the right to access to information must be given effect to in a manner which balances the right with any other rights, including such rights contained in the Bill of Rights in the Constitution. The Information Officer/Deputy Information Officer may refuse access to certain records under the circumstances as provided for in sections 33 to 46 in Chapter 4 of the Act.

Access must be refused in the following circumstances:

- Protecting commercial information that we hold about a third party (for example trade secrets: financial, commercial, scientific or technical information that may harm the commercial or financial interests of a third party;
- Disclosure of the record (containing trade secrets, financial, commercial, scientific, or technical information) would harm the commercial or financial interests of a third party;
- Disclosure of the information about a third party, supplied in confidence, will put third Party at a disadvantage in contractual or other negotiations or prejudice it in commercial competition;
- If disclosure would result in a breach of a duty of confidence owed to a third party's terms of an agreement;
- If disclosure would jeopardize the safety or life of an individual;
- If access to the record is prohibited in terms of Section 60(14) of the Criminal Procedure Act No. 51 of 1977;
- The record is privileged from production in legal proceedings unless the privilege has been waived;
- Records containing information about research being carried out or about to be carried out on behalf of a third party and the disclosure is likely to expose the third party, a person that will be carrying on the research on behalf of the third party, or the subject matter of the research, to serious disadvantage.

Access may be refused in the following circumstances:

- If the record consists of information that was supplied in confidence by a third person and disclosure could reasonably be expected to prejudice the future supply of similar information, or information from the same source and it is in the public interest that similar information, or information from the same source, should continue to be supplied;
- If disclosure would prejudice or impair the security of a building, structure or system or means of transport or any other property;
- If the record contains methods, techniques, guideline or procedures for the prevention detection, limitation or investigation of a contravention or possible contravention of a law or the prosecution of alleged offenders;
- If the disclosure could jeopardize the economic interests or financial welfare of the Republic or the ability of Government to manage the economic affairs of the Republic;
- If the record contains financial, commercial, scientific or technical information that may harm the commercial or financial interests of the public body;
- Disclosure would reasonably expect that it would put a public body at a

- disadvantage in contractual or other negotiations or prejudice it in commercial competition;
- If the record is a computer programme;
- Records containing information about research being carried out or about to be carried out on behalf of the public body and the disclosure is likely to expose the public body, a person that will be carrying on the research on behalf of the public body, or the subject matter of the research to serious disadvantage;
- If the records contains an opinion, advice, report or recommendation obtained or prepared, an account of a consultation, discussion or deliberation that has occurred (including minutes of meetings) for the purpose or formulating a decision or making a policy or disclosure would frustrate the deliberative process;
- Disclosure could jeopardize the effectiveness of testing, examining or auditing procedures or methods used by the body;
- The record contains evaluative material and disclosure would breach an implied promise made to the person who gave it regarding his or her identity or the content of the material;
- The record contains preliminary, working or draft material;
- If the request is manifestly frivolous or vexatious or the work required to process; and
- Request would unreasonably divert the resources of the public body.