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Dear Andrew,

Congratulations on the fantastic achievement of being installed as the second Vice-Chancellor of Sol Plaatje University. I wish you all the best in your new job at the helm of the bastion of Higher Learning in the Northern Cape. I know that just like you have at Wits, you will create a legacy of efficiency, sound institutional governance and the development of thought leaders.

The importance of Sol Plaatje's establishment as the first university to be launched in South Africa since the advent of democracy is not lost on me. I strongly believe that the academic project which we both promote so zealously has been enhanced and amplified manifold by the founding of Sol Plaatje.

Having worked so closely with each other while serving Wits University as DVCs, as well as on an institutional level, we have incredibly strong ties that bind us together. This bodes well for the strengthening of the academic project of both our institutions.

The impeccable manner in which you stewarded the integration of our online and on-campus learning and teaching processes was exemplary and laid the strong foundation we have for the future of Wit's academic programme. Your principled, calm and empathetic approach to your work remains another lasting legacy.

Congratulations, once again, Andrew and may the force be with you!

Best regards,

**Professor Zeblon Z Vilakazi** *Ph.D., MASSAf, FAAS*  
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