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The Water Research Commission (“WRC”) is a Statutory Body (Schedule 3A Entity) established in terms of the Water Research Act of 1971 with a mandate to conduct water and sanitation research.

An opportunity is available at the WRC for the position of Chief Executive Officer which is the highest executive position, responsible for providing overall strategic leadership and management to the WRC.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (5-YEAR CONTRACT APPOINTMENT)

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants must be in possession of a PhD in a water-related field, an appropriate Executive Leadership qualification will be an added advantage.

KNOWLEDGE, COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS REQUIRED

Applicants must have at least ten (10) years’ experience in senior management level within the water sector coupled with an additional five (5) years proven experience in a strategic executive leadership position. Extensive knowledge and experience in water and sanitation research management is an essential requirement. Applicants must have a proven track record as recognised national and international leaders in a water-related field. Ability to lead a highly skilled workforce and excellent interpersonal skills are crucial attributes for a suitable applicant for this position.

Key Job Purpose: The WRC is looking for an outstanding leader to enhance its role as a national and global leader in water and sanitation research and innovation.

Key Performance Areas: The WRC CEO will lead the development and implementation of the WRC strategy as approved by the Board. Enhance the profile of the WRC as a national and global leader in water & sanitation research, development and innovation. Strengthen the partnerships between the WRC and research institutions with special reference to universities. Build strong collaborative partnerships with institutions that have capacity to promote and implement WRC research and technology innovation products. Enhance partnerships with the relevant water sector stakeholders. Build long-term funding partnerships with organizations that share the WRC vision of contributing to a better quality of life for all.

To apply please submit your CV to wrc@adcorpgroup.com by no later than 27 June 2021. Late applications will not be considered.

Disclaimer: Applications shall be considered using a variety of criteria which shall include pre-employment checks and references. It is the applicants’ responsibility to have their foreign qualifications evaluated by the South African Qualifications Authority. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements for this position and/or who fail to submit the necessary documents will be disqualified from the process. Applicants who have not been contacted within 30 days of the closing date, should consider their applications unsuccessful. The WRC, talentCRU a division of Fortress Administration (Pty) Ltd and their affiliates, directors, employees, associates and related parties shall not be liable for any unsuccessful application(s) by the applicant(s), and by their submission of their application, the applicant(s) accept and acknowledge this disclaimer accordingly. The appointment in this position, will be made in line with the WRC’s employment equity plan.

