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CALL FOR PROPOSALS – UYILO KICK START FUND

The uYilo e-Mobility Technology Innovation Programme (EMTIP) invites qualifying projects to submit proposals to the uYilo “**Kick Start**” fund for 2017 following two successful funding cycles to date. The uYilo “**Kick Start**” fund has been established to support eMobility related projects by providing an agile mechanism (approval within 3 months) to fund research and development to a maximum of:

- (i) R500 000 (including VAT) per project for individual projects (one participant), and
- (ii) R1 000 000 (including VAT) per project for collaborative projects (multiple participants). For collaborative projects matched (50:50) co-funding is required.

The funding is focused on applied research that will accelerate Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) and lead to the creation of products, process or services that can be commercialised to advance the South African e-Mobility industry. The fund aims to fast-track the development processes for those projects that currently cannot attract funding from other funding mechanisms but are of strategic importance. Successful projects will have to demonstrate the intent to further develop and commercialise the technology. This call is open to all participants in the Electric Vehicle innovation chain including higher education institutions, industry and entrepreneurs. Priority will be given to projects submitted by

- (i) universities and science councils that have established research in uYilo’s focus areas:

- Energy Storage;
- Electric Vehicle System Components;
- Charging Infrastructure within smart-grids;
- Connected Car, and/or

- (ii) industry projects that will lead to local manufacturing of a product or delivery of a service for eMobility.

Funding for this financial year (2017) is limited and uYilo will prioritise applications in these areas according to a pre-approved score card. Applicants are suggested to compliment past kick start funded projects towards an inclusive eco-system, as well as support collaborative projects inclusive of advancing past kick start funded projects towards a final product or service.

Application form and guideline documents are available on the uYilo website www.uYilo.org.za and final proposals must be submitted via email to uYilo@mandela.ac.za with the subject 2017/18 Call for proposals – uYilo Kick Start Fund by midday on **Thursday 31 August 2017**. No late applications will be accepted.

Yours sincerely,

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