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LEGAL AID SOUTH AFRICA WINS 2016 INNOVATION LEAGUE AWARD

On 23 June, Legal Aid South Africa was awarded first place in the Innocentrix 2016 SA Innovation League Awards. The organisation was commended for its innovative business practices and was recognised as a leader in contributing towards national prosperity and creating a better future for South Africa.

Legal Aid South Africa competed with the likes of Vodacom and Afrox, which placed second and third respectively. The Innovation League only considers Top Performing companies as candidates for this Award. Last month, Legal Aid South Africa was named a 2016 Public Sector Leading Performer by Top Performing Companies. The organisation was also accredited as a Top Employer South Africa in 2016, an endorsement Legal Aid South Africa has received for seven consecutive years.

The Innovation League Awards are based upon stringent criteria, focusing on four key areas: Leadership and Ambition; Organisation and Collaboration; Implementation and Measurement, and People and Culture. The survey tool used to assess qualifying companies is internationally comparable, enhancing the validity of the results. Legal Aid South Africa scored exceptionally high in Leadership and Ambition, Organisation and Collaboration and People and Culture. This indicates significant improvement in the organisation's performance from the 2015 Awards, where we placed second and were commended for our high rating in terms of People and Culture. As the 2016 winner, Legal Aid South Africa was found to demonstrate sustained excellent performance in innovation at management level, with external stakeholders and within the organisation via employees.

The organisation's Human Resources Executive, Amanda Clark, says "We are honoured to be recognised for our ongoing efforts in ensuring that innovation is embedded in our

culture. Innovation continues to reinforce our resourcefulness in striving to provide the best possible service to our clients.”

This Award affirms Legal Aid South Africa’s commitment to providing access to justice to the poor and vulnerable, as set out in the Legal Aid South Africa Act (39 of 2014) and the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. We are proud to be acknowledged as a high-performing, innovative public entity.

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Please be reminded that the name of our organisation **Legal Aid South Africa** is correctly abbreviated as **Legal Aid SA** and not as LASA. We respectfully request that you use the correct abbreviation **Legal Aid SA** which is representative of our mission to deliver quality **legal aid** services to the poor and vulnerable in South Africa.