PROPOSAL

Additional Registration

1. The Minister shall, within [period], promulgate a regulation in terms of which the professional categories within the profession of psychology are recognised and prescribed in terms of section 35(2) of the Act.

2. Thereafter, practitioners who desire to be registered in an additional professional category shall, upon payment of the prescribed fee of the HPCSA [insert], be entitled to be registered in such additional professional category.

3. In the event that the Minister, PBP and/or HPCSA wish to stipulate requirements to be satisfied before any person may be registered in an additional professional category, the Minister shall promulgate a regulation in compliance with section 61(1)(f)(ii) prior to the promulgation of the regulation described in paragraph [insert] above. The requirements however must allow for practitioners who are competent in the additional category, based on their formal education, training, supervised experience and/or professional experience, to be registered in such category.

Alterations to the Register / Transverse registration

4. Section 18 of the Act provides that the registrar shall keep a register which contains details of, *inter alia*, the professional categories of practitioners. In terms of subsection (2) the registrar shall from time to time make the necessary alterations to such entries.

5. An independent panel (“the Panel”) shall be established to consider applications for the alteration of the entries on the register in relation to the designated professional categories. In particular, the Panel shall consider any request that an existing entry for a
psychologist’s professional category be altered to a new professional category (“an Alteration”).

6. The Panel shall be comprised of the following members:

   6.1. A chairperson that is appropriately qualified, legally trained, and a fit and proper person, preferably a judge or a retired judge, to be agreed by the parties;

   6.2. One person nominated by the Minister;

   6.3. One person nominated by the HPCSA and the PBP;

   6.4. Two persons nominated by ReLPAG; and

   6.5. A further person from each professional category, not already represented in terms of the nominations above, to be agreed by the parties.

7. Applications for Alterations shall be made to the Panel within a period of 90 days of this agreement. This time period may be extended by the Panel on good cause shown.

8. In order to obtain an Alteration, applicants must show that, based on their formal education, training, supervised experience and/or professional experience, they are competent to practise in the requested professional category.

9. The Panel shall evaluate each application, fairly and consistently, within a period of 60 days of receipt thereof.
10. Upon completing the evaluation the Panel shall advise the registrar of the HPCSA of its decision, and the registrar shall convey this information to the applicant.

11. [insert an appeal / review procedure]

12. If any application is approved by the Panel, the registrar of the HPCSA shall alter the entry of the applicable practitioner’s professional category in terms of section 18(2) of the Act, in accordance with the decision of the Panel.

**Suspension of prosecutions**

13. It is recorded that ReLPAG contends that practitioners are entitled to practise outside the scopes of practice of their professional categories, provided they comply with the ethical rules.

14. Without prejudice to this contention, it is agreed that the PBP and HPCSA will suspend any inquiry into any complaint, charge or allegation in relation to practitioners practising outside the scopes of practice of their professional categories, until practitioners have had a reasonable opportunity to alter their registration or register in an additional category.