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Message to our stakeholders: CSIR adopts new division names

In 2019, the CSIR introduced a new operating model. One of its unique features was the creation of three divisions to be the structural homes of technology sector clusters that have complementary capabilities and are positioned to drive South Africa’s industrialisation.

Division names reflect the priority technology sectors they house. These are ‘engine rooms’ for research, development and innovation within the CSIR, supported by several enabling capabilities and all reflecting the adoption of the fourth industrial revolution. They are geared towards maximum socioeconomic impact and in accord with the National Development Plan – among other guiding frameworks.

Table 1: The previous and newly approved division names

| Division’s previous name | Division’s new name |
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| Chemicals, Agriculture, Food and Health | CSIR Advanced Chemistry and Life Sciences |
| Mining, Manufacturing, Defence and Security | CSIR Advanced Production and Security |
| Natural Resources, Enabling Infrastructure, Public and Professional Services | CSIR Smart Society |

These new names came into effect on 1 April 2022 and will be used when referring to our divisions in all our engagements and correspondences going forward.

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