**DRAFT LETTER TO CLAIMANT ATTACHING RAF FORM 4**

Dear Sir/Madam

ATTACHMENTS:

* RAF FORM 4
* LIST OF REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
* LIST OF RAF BRANCH OFFICES

Your telecom under reference number…… refers:

 To lodge a claim against the Road Accident Fund for general damages (pain and suffering and loss of amenities of life) the injury sustained in the motor vehicle accident **must be assessed as serious.** This assessment must be undertaken by a registered medical practitioner (doctor) who will apply the methods of assessment as set out under the relevant Road Accident Fund legislation, in order to ascertain whether the injury may be classified as serious.

We attach hereto a RAF Form 4 which will form the basis of the assessment referred to above. The RAF Form 4 must be completed in its entirety by the medical practitioner conducting the assessment.

It is important to note that should the RAF form 4 reflect the injury as not serious under the methods prescribed, you will be liable for the costs relating to the assessment. Should the injury be assessed as serious the Road Accident Fund will bear the cost.

You may approach any medical practitioner to complete the assessment, but for your assistance we attach a list of preferred medical providers who have knowledge of the methods to be applied in undertaking the assessment.

Should you wish to raise this issue further with our offices you are requested to contact the following branch offices:

This letter does not serve as an instruction from the RAF to any particular medical practitioner. It is a without prejudice communication aimed at assisting the claimant to make a decision as to whether to approach a medical practitioner to asses the injuries sustained in the accident.