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AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LIBRARY.

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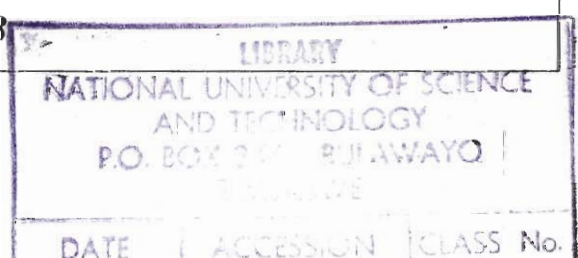
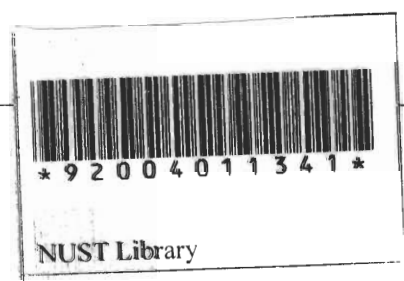
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## **ABSTRACT**

This research was done against a background of a bad state of disaster preparedness at the NUST Library. The researcher had noted leaking roofs, burst water pipes, faulty electrical wiring, power failures, and cracks on both walls and floors which posed threats to security of the library and its collections. Accumulated evidence from existing literature indicated that disaster planning was becoming an essential component of the overall management plan for all types of libraries. The case study research design was used together with observation, questionnaires and interviews as data gathering instruments. The population of the study comprised of 10 library staff and 10 library users where questionnaires and interviews were used respectively. The findings showed that the NUST Library did not have a written down disaster plan. Both categories of respondents agreed that disaster planning could augment security and preservation at the library. It was recommended that the library should consider a disaster plan as a living document in order to develop and improve its state of disaster preparedness.