Customer Notice

Clarification on the withdrawal of annual returns system

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) has temporarily withdrawn the annual return system for the period of July 2013 as per notice 28 June 2013, Withdrawal of annual returns system.

Subsequent to such withdrawal, CIPC confirms the following:

- The annual returns system has been withdrawn from the CIPC website www.cipc.co.za as from the 1st of July 2013.
- No manual annual returns will be accepted. In terms of the Companies Act, 2008 and the Close Corporations Act, 1984 annual returns may only be filed electronically.
- The annual return team will contact a customer who filed the form CoR40.5 as from 1 July 2013 requesting permission and information to file the annual returns on behalf of the company or close corporation. If the form CoR40.5 was submitted or processed by CIPC before 1 July 2013, the customer or the company or close corporation itself must contact CIPC via annualreturns@cipc.co.za for assistance in filing the outstanding annual returns.
- The current waiver as per notice 26 March 2013, Waiver in respect of penalty fees due to the late filing of annual returns until 30 September 2013, is still applicable.
- The compliance period for entities that became due during April / May / June and now July will be increased to end of August 2013.

Yours sincerely,

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