CIPC SYSTEM DOWNTIME FROM 17h00 ON 31 MARCH DUE TO YEAR END PROCESSES

(Notice 20 of 2017)

Notice is hereby given that all CIPC systems will be down from 17:00 on Friday 31 March 2017 for the financial year end processes. CIPC systems will be restored for transaction and other purposes at 06h00 on Monday, 3 April 2017.

Please also take note that with regard to name reservations, all reserved names which would have lapsed on Friday 31 March 2017, would now have their reservation date moved forward to Monday 3 April 2017 and will, therefore, only lapse on that date.

SCHEDULE
- Trade Marks Act, 1993
- Patents Act, 1978
- Design Act, 1983
- Copyright Act, 1978
- Companies Act, 2008
- Close Corporations Act, 1984
- Co-operatives Act, 2005
- Registration of Copyright in Cinematograph Film Act, 1977

During this period the annual return filing website annualreturns.cipc.co.za will also not be available. 

**SINCE THE LEGISLATIVE FILING PERIODS FOR BOTH COMPANIES AND CLOSE CORPORATIONS PROVIDES SUFFICIENT TIME TO FILE ANNUAL RETURNS, CIPC WILL NOT BE EXTENDING SUCH FILING PERIODS OVER THIS PERIOD.**

- **Companies**: 30 business days from the precise date of its incorporation / registration
- **Close Corporations**: first day of the anniversary month of its incorporation / registration up until the last day of the month after its anniversary month

Therefore customers are reminded to ensure that both the deposit AND actually filing of due annual returns occur before 31 March 2017.

The below channels may be used to determine the annual return filing period for companies and close corporations:

- annualreturns.cipc.co.za / AR Calculator
- USSD - *120*2472#
- www.cipc.co.za / enquiries

Yours sincerely,

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