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NOTICE 13 of 2019

REVERSAL OF INCURRED PENALTY FEES FOR 2019 ANNUAL RETURN FILINGS FOR COMPANIES AND CLOSE CORPORATIONS

CIPC experienced technical challenges 5 to 7 February 2019 that influenced access and availability of CIPC channels. These technical difficulties did result in some companies and close corporations being unable to file their 2019 Annual Returns and Audited Financial Statements or Financial Accountability Supplements, before the incurrence of penalties or late filing fees.

Due to these challenges CIPC will manually reverse, upon request via the online enquiry system, incurred penalties for companies and close corporations on the below stated conditions:-

1. The last day for filing the 2019 Annual Return without the incurrence of the penalty MUST either be 5, 6 or 7 February 2019; AND
2. The date of filing the 2019 Annual Return MUST be before 16 February 2019.

It is important to note, that an Annual Return is only successfully filed once the Annual Return information and payment for the Annual Return, was received by CIPC via the allowed channels for Annual Return filings, namely e-Services, Third Parties, Mobile App or Self Service Terminal. Therefore, a mere deposit for the purpose of filing an Annual Return is not sufficient since it does not constitute filing.

The request must be submitted via the CIPC online enquiry system www.cipc.co.za / enquiries and proof of filing the 2019 Annual Return in the form of an Annual Return Filing Certificate must be provided. The Annual Return Filing Certificate contains the necessary information namely company or close corporation name, company or close corporation registration number, tracking number, date of filing, value of the penalty and customer code, which is required to consider the request.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Yours sincerely,

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Commissioner: CIPC

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