

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS (Notice <u>33</u> of 2023)

UNAUTHORISED USE OF CIPC NAME, ABBREVIATION AND LOGO

Companies and Intellectual Property Commission ("CIPC") would like to remind customers that the words COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMISSION as well as the abbreviation CIPC and the logo of CIPC have been declared a prohibited mark under the Merchandise Marks Act, Act 17 of 1941.

Therefore, the use of any of these elements may only be made with the express written authorisation of CIPC. Unauthorised use constitutes a criminal offense in respect of which a fine is payable. This includes:-

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- the use of the CIPC logo on any websites, documentation, marketing material or any other material.

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Yours faithfully,

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