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UNAUTHORISED USE OF CIPC NAME, ABBREVIATION AND LOGO (previous notice 48 of 2019)

The 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 authorization of CIPC. Unauthorized use constitutes a criminal offense in respect of which a fine is payable. This includes:-

- The use of the words COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMISSION and/or the abbreviation CIPC, in e-mail addresses, on websites, documentation, marketing material or any other material; and
- The use of the CIPC logo on any website, documentation, marketing material or any other material.

Customers that are using these elements are requested to change their e-mail addresses, website domain names, and remove all elements from their website, documentation or other material with immediate effect, failure of which CIPC proceed with legal proceedings to protect its intellectual property.

Your sincerely,

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