



## CUSTOMER NOTICE 3 OF 2024

### DEREGISTRATION OF COMPANIES AND CLOSE CORPORATIONS IN ANNUAL RETURN DEREGISTRATION PROCESS

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (“CIPC”) deregistered companies and close corporations which have been in Annual Return Deregistration process for more than three (3) years and for which the notification process as per Companies Regulation 40 has been completed.

The systematic final deregistration commenced on 19 January 2024 and continued until 23 January 2024. Notification of final deregistration will commence after the systematic final deregistration has been completed and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

Companies and Close Corporations which have been finally deregistered may apply for reinstatement provided it meets the process and documentation requirements. Once the reinstatement has been processed, all Annual Returns together with the latest Beneficial Ownership Declaration and Annual Financial Statements/Financial Accountability Supplement must be filed within 30 business days.

#### Important Information:

- The submission of the **Annual Return Information together with payment** should have been made before final deregistration. Mere timeous payment or deposit of fee is not regarded as filing of Annual Returns. If payment or deposit was made, but company or close corporation was finally deregistered, the company or close corporation may be reinstated provided it meets the process and document requirements.
- If Annual Returns were filed, but not the latest Beneficial Ownership Declaration, such must be filed separately failure of which CIPC may initiate an investigation against the company or close corporation and issue a compliance notice.
- Technical questions on Beneficial Ownership must be logged via the CIPC enquiry system (<https://enquiries.cipc.co.za>) - Department Corporate Legal Services, and the Category Beneficial Ownership.
- Names of companies and close corporations which were finally deregistered between 19 and 23 January 2024 for Annual Return non-compliance, will be administratively protected for a period of 6 months only. After the expiration of the 6 months the name will become available for other customers to reserve.
- Technical questions on Annual Financial Statements / Financial Accountability Supplement must be logged via the CIPC enquiry system (<https://enquiries.cipc.co.za>) -

Department Companies and Close Corporations, and the Category Financial Statements or iXBRL fault logging.

- The list of finally deregistered companies and close corporations will be published on the CIPC website in due course under Other / Gazettes - [https://www.cipc.co.za/?page\\_id=5045](https://www.cipc.co.za/?page_id=5045)
- If the company or close corporation did not receive Form CoR40.3 via e-mail, the contact details of directors of company or members of close corporation are outdated and should be updated once the company or close corporation has been re-instated. Failure of which, the company or close corporation will not receive Annual Return Reminders or any other communication from the CIPC.

#### Information Links:

- Re-instatement requirements - [https://www.cipc.co.za/?page\\_id=1355](https://www.cipc.co.za/?page_id=1355) / Select the Type of enterprise / Changes to Management, Admin & Governance / Re-instating a company
- Beneficial Ownership user guide - [https://www.cipc.co.za/?page\\_id=4447](https://www.cipc.co.za/?page_id=4447) / Beneficial Ownership / User Guide
- Webinars - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqBWg1EdpBw>
- Enquiries - <https://enquiries.cipc.co.za/Index.aspx>
- CIPC free online course for directors - [https://www.cipc.co.za/?page\\_id=10431](https://www.cipc.co.za/?page_id=10431)
- For more information or any enquiries - <https://enquiries.cipc.co.za/Index.aspx>
- To follow CIPC:
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- Notices relating to this final deregistration:
  - Notice 74 of 2024 - Final de-registration of companies and close corporations in the annual return de-registration process
  - Notice 67 of 2023 - Turnover validation and beneficial ownership information on annual return filings
  - Notice of 47 of 2023 - Commencement of deregistration notification for companies and close corporations
  - Government Gazette, No 3805 - Domicilium Et Executandi Requirements

Kind regards,

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