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CIPC celebrates its 15th Anniversary and a decade of consecutive clean audits

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The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) is pleased to announce the celebrations of its 15th Anniversary and a decade of consecutive clean audit achievements. This significant milestone marks a period of excellence in serving the South African economy by formalising businesses and promoting investment.

15 years ago, a historic concept was established and transitioned into the South African leading companies and intellectual property regulator. The entity achieved this milestone through considerable progress in positioning itself as a reputable public institution, driven by digital technologies, innovation and collaboration.

As a gateway to sustainable formal economic participation and investment for all, CIPC's legacy began in 2011, when the Companies Act merged the Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (CIPRO) and the Office of Companies and Intellectual Property Enforcement (OCIFE).

This anniversary will be celebrated under the theme **“15 Years of Enabling Business. 10 Years of Trusted Governance.”** The theme will form part of key dialogues and activities earmarked to reflect on the future of regulation, the innovation journey and governance, as well as on the people and achievements between August 2026 and March 2027.

Since its inception, CIPC's journey has been marked by key institutional milestones highlighting the rollout of digital services. These include establishing processes, digital foundations, an innovation drive, pandemic resilience, partnerships and beneficial ownership.

The CIPC Commissioner, Rory Voller, says this automation transition has ushered in an era that has transformed the institution, evolving from manual systems to a modernised, digital, paperless regulator as part of our vision and value-add to South Africans.

“Building on the progress achieved so far, the Commission has set an ambitious goal to help move onto the right path and use these milestones to signal the next decade of innovation, service excellence and regulatory leadership,” says CIPC Commissioner Voller.

“A perfect addition to an already great celebration is the recent CIPC’s recognition as one of the Public Sector Leader Icons at the Public Sector Leadership Summit 2026. This honour highlights the Commission’s dedication to good governance, innovation and the provision of quality services to South Africans,” adds Commissioner Voller.

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