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NOTICE 61 of 2017

FINAL DEREGISTRATION OF COMPANIES AND CLOSE CORPORATIONS ON 2 FEBRUARY 2018 - REFERRED FOR DEREGISTRATION DUE TO NON COMPLIANCE WITH ANNUAL RETURNS

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) will be finally deregistering companies and close corporations, on 2 February 2018.

CIPC commenced the regulated notification process for companies and close corporations, in deregistration for non compliance with annual returns, during December 2016 and again December 2017. The list of affected companies and close corporations was published in Gazette Publication Number 201619 Notice No. 48B – AR Deregistrations. The Gazette is available on the CIPC www.cipc.co.za / Legislation / Gazettes / 2017.

The below should be noted:

- Companies and close corporations which CIPC placed into deregistration process, due to non compliance with annual returns, after the commencement of the regulated notification process stated above, will be considered for final deregistration at a later date.

- Only companies and close corporations indicated in the above publication, and which still has not filed annual return after the commencement of the regulated notification process, will be considered for final deregistration. **Therefore, if your company or close corporation reflects on the list, and its annual returns are up to date, your company or close corporation will not be deregistered.** The status of your company or close corporation regarding annual returns maybe confirmed using any of the below methods:
  1. Log onto CIPC's annual return website and conduct a AR Fee Calculation – annualreturns.cipc.co.za;
  2. Download a free disclosure via the CIPC website – www.cipc.co.za / online transacting / e-Services;
  3. Dail *120*2472#; or
  4. Log a ticket via the CIPC website – www.cipc.co.za / enquiries.

- Only companies and close corporations with no outstanding liabilities with any of the major banks and SARS, will be considered for final deregistration.

- The pending final deregistration of your company or close corporation can only be cancelled systematically by the filing (payment and submission) of **ALL OUTSTANDING** annual returns before 2 February 2018.

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- If your company or close corporation does not reflect on the list, it will be considered at a later stage for final deregistration.

Therefore, companies and close corporations that still have not complied with the filing of all outstanding annual returns are reminded to take the necessary steps to file annual returns (e.g. registering a customer code) and to subsequently file via the CIPC annual return website annualreturns.cipc.co.za or available Self Service Terminal, before 2 February 2018. As soon as the money has been paid AND the annual returns filed, the status of the company or close corporation will change automatically to "In Business".

CIPC has made the payment and filing of annual returns easier by providing for an online real-time credit/debit card payment facility on the annual return filing application and therefore it is not necessary to deposit the required fee in advance. You may pay for the annual return while you submit the annual returns.

For more information on annual returns, how to file and the prescribed fees involved, kindly refer to the following documents:-

- Step by step online guide to file annual returns - www.cipc.co.za / Useful Tools / How to – Step by Step Guides / Step by Step Guides / Annual Returns)
- Information Guide on Annual Returns - www.cipc.co.za / Useful Tools / How to – step by step guides / Information Guides / Information Guide on Annual Returns)

For further assistance, kindly log a ticket via the CIPC website www.cipc.co.za / enquiries. Sign in with your customer code and password and select Companies/Annual Returns or Close corporations/Annual returns, depending on the type of enterprise.

Yours sincerely,

Adv R Voller

Acting Commissioner: CIPC

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