South African Revenue Service

Dear Valued Stakeholder

PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LARGE BUSINESS CENTRE

SARS will be establishing an interim Large Business unit, which will be up and running by December 2018, with the final structure in place by April 2019.

The SARS Executive Committee (EXCO) started a process in August 2018 to re-establish the unit, with the purpose of ensuring that large businesses and high net-worth individuals receive the dedicated service and support required.

A multi-disciplinary project team has been working hard to refine the details and logistics required to re-establish the unit. The team has since submitted a proposal for an interim large business and high net-worth individual's solution to expedite the service offering to this segment of taxpayers.

The next step in the re-establishment will be the appointment of an Acting Head to the interim unit. The Acting Head will be tasked with leading the re-establishment, and fleshing out the way forward in co-operation with the various project work-streams. Employees currently assigned to service large businesses and high-net worth individuals will be incorporated into the interim unit, and will report to the Acting Head.

We will engage with other stakeholders and the private sector to discuss the way forward and to solicit input.

While this is an interim arrangement, SARS is committed to consult with all stakeholders to work towards a final solution that will enable us to deliver on our mandate to collect all revenues due, ensure optimal compliance and service our taxpayers.

You may expect further communication on our progress in this regard.

Sincerely

THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE
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