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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 414 OF 2005 PROPOSED LEVIES ON MEDICAL SCHEMES ISSUED IN TERMS OF SECTION 2(a) OF THE COUNCIL FOR MEDICAL SCHEMES LEVIES ACT (ACT 58 OF 2000)

The Council for Medical Schemes referred to in Section 1 of the Council for Medical Schemes Levies Act, 2000 (*Act No. 58 of 2000*), hereby proposes the imposition of levies on medical schemes, as set out in this Notice. The proposed levies are due to be imposed for the purpose of meeting the general regulatory and administrative costs of the Council for Medical Schemes and the function performed by the Registrar of Medical Schemes. The quantum of the levy has been determined on the basis of the Council's budget, and is **also** based on the number of principal members of medical schemes.

Representation on the proposed levies may **be** made **to** the Council not later than **15 April 2005**. Such representation must **be** forwarded to the Registrar of Medical Schemes, and marked for the attention of: Mr Dan Lehutjo, Private Bag **X34**, Hatfield, **0028**, Fax number **(012) 430 7644**.

By order of the Council for Medical Schemes.

PROF. N PADAYACHEE

Chairperson: Council **for Medical Schemes**.

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this notice, unless the context indicates otherwise –

- i. “Council” means the Council for Medical Schemes referred to in the Act;
- ii. “Levy year” means the period from 01 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 and, subject to the provision of this Notice and any amendments, substitution or repeal thereof, such corresponding period in succeeding year in respect of which levies are imposed;
- iii. “Registrar” means the Registrar of Medical Schemes, appointed in terms of Section 18 of the Medical Schemes Levies Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998);
- iv. “The Act” means the Council for Medical Schemes Levies Act, 2000 (Act No. 58 of 2000).

Proposed Imposition

2. In respect of a medical scheme registered in terms of section 20 of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998), the proposed levy for the 2005/06 levy year shall be set at an amount of R9.80 per member per year, which shall be paid in two equal installments, the first of which shall be paid not later than 31 May of the levy year, and the second of which shall be paid not later than 31 August of the levy year.
3. In respect of the levy year, the calculation of the levy is based on the number of members referred to in item 2 shall correspond with the latest statistics furnished to the Registrar in terms of or by virtue of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998 (Act No. 131 of 1998) or with the latest certified number of members sent to the Registrar by the medical scheme. If a transfer of members is in process and not finalized on 31 December 2004, the transferor must pay the levy in respect of the members to be transferred.

Payment/Interest on overdue of Levies

4. On amounts of overdue levies, interest will be charged at a rate applicable to a debt owing to the state, as determined by the Minister of Finance in terms of section 80(1)(b) of the Public Finance Management Act.

5. All amounts referred to in this Schedule are exclusive of VAT.
6. The levies (once finally imposed) and interest (if any) referred to in this Notice shall be paid by a medical scheme directly in the bank account of the Council, the details of which are:

Bank : ABSA

Account Holder : Council for Medical Schemes

Branch Name : ABSA Corporate Branch (Cnr Pretorius and Vermeulen Streets, Pretoria)

Branch Code : 517245

Account Number : 405 116 3394

7. A deposit advice slip issued by the aforementioned Bank in respect of a deposit contemplated in item 7, received by the Council for Medical Schemes, and bearing the name of the relevant medical scheme, shall serve as *prima facie* proof of payment of a levy.