GOVERNMENT NOTICE

SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

16 March 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE LISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 35(2) AND 36(4) OF THE TAX ADMINISTRATION ACT, 2011 (ACT NO. 28 OF 2011)

In terms of sections 35(2) and 36(4) of the Tax Administration Act, 2011, I, Thomas Swabihi Moyane, Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service, hereby list, in the Schedule hereto, reportable arrangements and excluded arrangements.

This public notice replaces, with effect from its date of publication, all previous notices issued under section 80M(2)(c) and 80N(4) of the Income Tax Act, 1962 (Act No. 58 of 1962) and section 35(2) of the Tax Administration Act, 2011.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

No. 212

SCHEDULE

1. General

In this notice, unless the context indicates otherwise, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Income Tax Act, 1962, or the Tax Administration Act, 2011, has the meaning so assigned.

2. Reportable arrangements

The following arrangements have been identified to be reportable arrangements:

- 2.1. Any arrangement that would have qualified as—
 - (a) a "hybrid equity instrument" in terms of section 8E of the Income Tax
 Act, 1962, if the prescribed period in that section had been 10 years;
 or
 - (b) a "hybrid debt instrument" in terms of section 8F of the Income Tax Act, 1962, if the prescribed period in that section had been 10 years, but does not include any instrument listed on an exchange regulated in terms of the Financial Markets Act, 2012 (Act No. 19 of 2012);
- 2.2. Any arrangement in terms of which—
 - (a) a company buys back shares on or after the date of publication of this notice from one or more shareholders for an aggregate amount exceeding R10 million; and
 - (b) that company issued or is required to issue any shares within 12 months of entering into that arrangement or of the date of any buyback in terms of that arrangement;

- 2.3. Any arrangement in terms of which—
 - (a) a person that is a resident makes any contribution or payment on or after the date of publication of this notice to a trust that is not a resident and has or acquires a beneficial interest in that trust; and
 - (b) the amount of all contributions or payments, whether made before or after the date of publication of this notice, or the value of that interest exceeds or is reasonably expected to exceed R10 million, excluding any contributions or payments made to or beneficial interest acquired in any—
 - (i) portfolio comprised in any investment scheme contemplated in paragraph (e)(ii) of the definition of "company" in section 1(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1962; or
 - (ii) foreign investment entity as defined in section 1(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1962;
- 2.4. Any arrangement in terms of which one or more persons acquire the controlling interest in a company on or after the date of publication of this notice, including by means of acquiring shares, voting rights or a combination of both, that—
 - (a) (i) has carried forward or reasonably expects to carry forward a balance of assessed loss exceeding R50 million from the year of assessment immediately preceding the year of assessment in which the controlling interest is acquired; or
 - (ii) has or reasonably expects to have an assessed loss exceeding R50 million in respect of the year of assessment during which the controlling interest is acquired. or
 - (b) directly or indirectly holds a controlling interest in a company referred to in paragraph (a); and
- 2.5. Any arrangement between a person that is a resident and a person that qualifies as an insurer in terms of any law of any country other than the Republic (hereinafter referred to as the foreign insurer) in terms of which—

- (a) an aggregate amount that exceeds or is reasonably expected to exceed R5 million has been paid or becomes payable by the resident to the foreign insurer; and
- (b) any amount payable on or after the date of publication of this notice, in cash or otherwise, to any beneficiary in terms of that arrangement is to be determined mainly by reference to the value of particular assets or categories of assets that are held by or on behalf of the foreign insurer or by another person for purposes of that arrangement.

3. Excluded arrangements under section 36(4) of the Tax Administration Act, 2011

Any arrangement referred to in section 35(1) of the Tax Administration Act, 2011, is an excluded arrangement if the aggregate tax benefit which is or may be derived from that arrangement by all participants to that arrangement does not exceed R5 million.