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Dear Sir / Madam

APPLICATION FOR INCOME TAX EXEMPTION APPROVED: RURAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

The South African Revenue Service (SARS) would like to confirm that your application for exemption from income tax has been approved as you meet the requirements of a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) set out in section 30(3) of the Income Tax Act No 58 of 1962 (the Act). Your Income Tax Exemption has been granted in terms of section 10(1)(cN) of the Act with effect from 27 May 2013. Annual receipts and accruals will therefore be subject to the provisions of section 10(1)(cN) of the Act and accruals and receipts from trading or business activities which fall outside the parameters of section 10(1)(cN) will be subject to tax.

The following exemptions also apply and are limited to:

1. The public benefit organisation has been approved for purposes of section 18A(1)(a) of the Act and donations to the organisation will be tax deductible in the hands of the donors in terms of and subject to the limitations prescribed in section 18A of the Act with effect from 12 June 2018.
2. Donations made to or by the PBO are exempt from Donations Tax in terms of section 56(1)(h) of the Income Tax Act.
3. Exemption from the payment of Estate Duty in terms of section 4(h) of the Estate Duty Act No.45 of 1955.

In order to maintain your exempt status, the following conditions must be complied with:

1. To comply with the requirements of section 30 of the Income Tax Act, the following clauses must be added to the constitution –
 - I. The activities of the organisation are carried on in a non-profit manner and with an altruistic or philanthropic intent.
 - II. No activity will directly or indirectly promote the economic self-interest of any fiduciary or employee of the organisation otherwise than by way of reasonable remuneration.
 - III. At least three persons who accept fiduciary responsibility for the public benefit organisation, will not be connected persons in relation to each

other, and no single person directly or indirectly controls the decision making powers relating to such organisation.

- IV. No funds will be distributed to any person (other than in the course of undertaking any public benefit activity).
- V. The funds of the public benefit organisation will be used solely for the objects for which it was established.
- VI. On dissolution of the public benefit organisation, the remaining assets must be transferred to -
 - i) A public benefit organisation, which has been approved in terms of section 30 of the Act.
 - ii) Any institution, board or body which is exempt from the payment of income tax in terms of section 10(1)(cA)(i) of the Act, which has as its sole or principal object the carrying on of any public benefit activity; or
 - iii) Any department of state or administration in the national or provincial or local sphere of government of the Republic, contemplated in section 10(1)(a) or (b) of the Act.
- VII. No donation will be accepted which is revocable at the instance of the donor for reasons other than a material failure to conform to the designated purposes and conditions of such donation, including any misrepresentation with regard to the tax deductibility thereof in terms of section 18A: Provided that a donor (other than a donor which is an approved public benefit organisation or an institution, board or body which is exempt from tax in terms of section 10(1)(cA)(i), which has as its sole or principal object the carrying on of any public benefit activity) may not impose any conditions which could enable such donor or any connected person in relation to such donor to derive some direct or indirect benefit from the application of such donation.
- VIII. A copy of all amendments to the constitution, trust deed, memorandum and articles of association, or other written instrument under which the public benefit organisation was established, will be submitted to the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service.
- IX. No remuneration will be paid to any employee, office bearer, member or other person which is excessive, having regard to what is generally considered reasonable in the sector and in relation to the service rendered and has not and will not economically benefit any person in a manner which is not consistent with its objects.
- X. No resources will be used, directly or indirectly, to support advance or oppose any political party.
- XI. The public benefit organisation will not be a party to, or does not knowingly permit, or has not knowingly permitted, itself to be used as part of any transaction, operation or scheme of which the sole or main purpose is the reduction, postponement or avoidance of liability for any tax, duty or levy which, but for such transaction, operation or scheme, would have been or would have become payable by any person under this Act or any other Act administered by the Commissioner.

A signed copy of the amended founding document must be submitted to the Tax Exemption Unit (TEU) within 12 months by:

- Scanning and emailing the document to teu@sars.gov.za or
 - Submission to the SARS branch office.
2. When issuing a tax deductible receipt it must include the following information:
 - a) The reference number (the PBO number quoted on this letter).
 - b) The date of the receipt of the donation.
 - c) The name and address of the organisation issuing the receipt to which enquiries may be directed.
 - d) The name and address of the donor.
 - e) The amount or nature of the donation if not in cash.
 - f) Certification that the receipt is issued for the purpose of section 18A and that the donation will be used exclusively for the activities which are approved for section 18A purposes.
 - g) The receipt must be issued in the year when the donation is received by the organisation approved for purposes of section 18A.
 3. Submit an annual Income Tax Return (IT12EI) by the due date via SARS eFiling or manually. Your IT12EI can be obtained by
 - Registering online at www.sarsefiling.co.za to access, request and submit the IT12EI electronically
 - Calling the SARS Contact Centre on 0800 00 SARS (7277)
 - Requesting an IT12EI by contacting the TEU on teu@sars.gov.za or calling (012) 483 1700
 - Requesting an IT12EI by visiting your local SARS branch.
 4. Furthermore, given the section 18A approval granted, you must submit with your annual tax return, a statement and supporting documentation which include the full particulars of all the receipts issued in respect of deductible donations and how these funds were spent.
 5. The section 18A approval is ring-fenced as the organisation is carrying on the public benefit activities listed both in Part I and Part II of the Ninth Schedule to the Act. This means that:
 - a) Section 18A receipts may only be issued for those public benefit activities listed in Part II of the Ninth Schedule to the Act such as welfare and humanitarian (education on habit forming substances; family stability (bullying)), health care (Sex and HIV/Aids education).
 - b) Section 18A receipts may not be issued for any donations received in support of activities listed in Part I of the Ninth Schedule to the Act, the promotion of arts and culture.
 - c) The funds received for Part II activities must be kept separately from the other funds of the organisation (i.e. in a separate bank account) and recorded in separate books or accounts to be provided to SARS on request.
 - d) A certificate signed by a registered auditor, must be obtained annually and submitted to SARS on request, to confirm that all donations for which tax-deductible receipts were issued, were utilised exclusively for Part II activities.
 6. Tax deductible receipts may only be issued for *bona fide* donations. Refer to Annexure A for more information in this regard.
 7. The exemption approval as contained in this letter is subject to review on an annual basis by the TEU upon receipt of annual income tax return and S18A supporting documentation.

8. SARS must be informed in writing within 21 days of any change in registered particulars (e.g. Representative, change of name, address, trustee details, office bearers, etc.).

For further information or assistance, email your query to teu@sars.gov.za, visit the SARS website www.sars.gov.za, call the TEU on 012 483 1700 or visit the TEU offices. Kindly ensure that you have your ID and tax reference number on hand to enable SARS to assist you.

Sincerely

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Tax Exemption Unit

ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

Annexure A: Information pertaining to S18A donations

What is considered a *bona fide* donation for S18A purposes?

A *bona fide* donation is a voluntary, gratuitous gift disposed of by the donor out of liberality or generosity, where the donee is enriched and the donor impoverished. There may be no *quid pro quo*, no reciprocal obligations and no personal benefit for the donor. If the donee gives any consideration at all it is not a donation. The donor may not impose conditions which could enable him or any connected person in relation to himself to derive some direct or indirect benefit from the application of the donation.

Examples of what does **NOT** constitute a *bona fide* donation for purposes of section 18A?

1. Donation of services rendered such as a professional person renders a skill free of charge.
2. An amount paid for attending a fundraising dinner, dance or charity golf day.
3. The amount paid for the successful bid of goods auctioned to raise funds by an organisation and Memorabilia, paintings, etc, donated to be auctioned to raise funds
4. Amounts paid for raffle or lottery tickets.
5. Amounts paid for school fees, entrance fees for school admittance or compulsory school levies.
6. Value of free rent, water and electricity provided by a lessor to the lessee which is an approved PBO.
7. Payments in respect of debt due