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Dear Sir / Madam

## APPLICATION FOR INCOME TAX EXEMPTION APPROVED: WILLIS TOWERS WATSON (SOUTH AFRICA) TRUST

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) from 5 April 2018. Your Income Tax Exemption has been granted in terms of section 10(1)(cN) of the Act. 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 sections 18A(1)(a) and 18A(1)(b) 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.
- 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. Amend the founding document stipulating the requirements of section 30 of the Income Tax Act, the following clauses must be added to the trust deed -
  - I. No funds will be distributed to any person (other than in the course of undertaking any public benefit activity).
  - II. The funds of the public benefit organisation will be used solely for the objects for which it was established.

III. No resources will be used, directly or indirectly, to support advance or oppose any political party.

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 <a href="teu@sars.gov.za">teu@sars.gov.za</a> or
- Posting these to: PO Box 11955, Hatfield, 0028.
- 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. The public benefit organisation must distribute at least 50% of the donations received, in respect of which tax deductible receipts were issued, in the year following the year during which the donations were received.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Tax deductible receipts may only be issued for *bona fide* donations. Refer to Annexure A for more information in this regard.
- 6. The trust may only provide funds to organisations that are approved as public benefit organisations and in terms of section 18A(1)(a) of the Income Tax Act.
- 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 <a href="www.sars.gov.za">www.sars.gov.za</a>, 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
- 8. Membership fees