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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (AFS) FOR MUNICIPALITIES (2012/13)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform municipalities that annual financial statements must be submitted to the Auditor-General on/before **Friday**, **30 August 2013** as indicated by National Treasury, and to require that the annual financial statements be simultaneously submitted to the National Treasury and Provincial Treasury: Local Government Accounting.
- 1.2 To request each municipality to provide written explanation in the event that the municipality fails to submit its Annual financial Statements by 30 August 2013.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In terms of section 126 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003) (MFMA), the accounting officer of a municipality:
 - (a) must prepare the annual financial statements of the municipality and, within two months after the end of the financial year to which those statements relate, submit the statements to the Auditor – General for auditing; and
 - (b) must in addition, in the case of a municipality referred to in section 122(2), prepare consolidated annual financial statements in terms of that section and, within three months after the end of the financial year to which those statements relate, submit the statements to the Auditor-General for auditing.
- 2.2 Section 133 of the MFMA indicate consequences of non-compliance with certain provision (1) if the accounting officer of the municipality or municipal entity fails to submit financial statements to the Auditor –General in accordance with section 126.
- 2.3 It is crucial to note that the key attributes of good governance are accountability and transparency, which are achieved through the timely submission of financial statements. Financial Statements which are submitted after the prescribed timelines could have an impact on the municipality to perform within the accountability framework.

3. REQUEST

- 3.1 To request municipalities to submit AFS to the Auditor-General by 30 August 2013, and simultaneously to the National Treasury, emailed to Igdocuments@treasury.gov.za and Provincial Treasury submit to MFMA.MFMA@westerncape.gov.za; and signed copies to Room 3-09, 4 Dorp Street, Cape Town, 8001.
- 3.2 To submit a written explanation signed by the Mayor providing reasons for the failure to submit AFS within the set timelines to the Office of the Accountant-General, faxed to: (012) 395-6553 or emailed to <u>lgdocuments@treasury.gov.za</u>; also a copy to <u>MFMA.MFMA@westerncape.gov.za</u>.
- 3.3 Municipalities in conjunction with Provincial Treasury should closely work together to ensure that there is improvement in the submission of annual financial statements and thereby compliance with the MFMA.
- 4. Your co-operation is highly appreciated.

MS N OLIPHANT SENIOR MANAGER: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING DATE: 19 August 2013