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TREASURY CIRCULAR NO. 5 of 2021

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NATIONAL TREASURY INSTRUCTION NO. 12 OF 2020/21

DEPARTURE FROM PUBLICATION OF BIDS AND BID AWARDS IN THE GOVERNMENT TENDER BULLETIN

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this communiqué is to issue National Treasury Instruction No. 12 of 2020/21: Departure from publication of bids and bid awards in the Government Tender Bulletin (GTB) and to inform accounting officers and accounting authorities of the directive on interim measures to be followed until such time that the Government Printing Works (GPW) is able to publish Tender Bulletins. (attached hereto marked "Annexure A").

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 National Treasury Regulation 16A6.3(c) and (d) requires that:

(c) *"The accounting officer or accounting authority must ensure that bids are advertised in at least the Government Tender Bulletin for a minimum period of 21 days before closure, except in urgent cases when bids may be advertised for such shorter period as the accounting officer or accounting authority may determine.*

(d) *awards are published in the Government Tender Bulletin and other media by means of which the bids were advertised."*

2.2 During the month of February, Departments have been unable to place bid advertisements in the GTB. The National Treasury (NT) received numerous enquiries on the challenges experienced by Departments when attempting to publish bid advertisements and awards in the GTB.

2.3 The Provincial Treasury (PT) contacted the NT on Tuesday, 15 February 2021 to request intervention with the GPW and to also advise provinces on how to deal with the advertisement of tenders going forward.

2.4 The Office of the Chief Procurement Officer advised the Provincial Treasury via email on 15 February 2021, that departments must ensure that tenders are at least published on the e-Tender Portal and record of correspondence with GPW must be kept for audit purposes. The PT issued email communiqué to departments on 18 February 2021 informing them of this interim measure.

2.5 The NT received formal communiqué from the GPW, dated 15 February 2021 indicating that GPW had run into technical difficulties from the 4th of February 2021. As a result, The GPW could not adhere to its mandate for advertising bid invitations and bid awards submitted by institutions in the GTB.

2.6 The NT has since issued an Instruction No. 12 of 2020/2021 to communicate the departure requirements. It must be noted that the correspondence with GPW is no longer required as indicated in the PT email to departments on 18 February 2021 as the GPW is currently offline.

3. DEPARTURE

3.1 As an interim measure, accounting officers and authorities must utilise the eTender Publication Portal, and where deemed necessary, the institutional website or any other means available to the department until such time that the GPW is able to publish bid advertisements and bid awards in the GTB.

3.2 Adherence to this directive on the departure from utilising the GTB to place advertisements and awards is critical to a department's supply chain management system and will assist in avoiding non-compliance to the National Treasury Regulations 16A6.3 (c) and (d).

3.3 Departments are advised that the minimum period of 21 days for advertising bids before closure, as indicated in Regulation 16A6.3 (c) remains unchanged and must still be complied with.

4. REQUEST

4.1 Accounting Officers and accounting authorities must:

- a) note that this Circular takes effect on **4 February 2021** until such time as the National Treasury via the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer notifies institutions of the withdrawal of the approved departure;
- b) ensure that the contents of this Circular is brought to the attention of all relevant officials within their institution; and
- c) that any enquiries relating to this Circular may be directed to:

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