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LAUNCHING OF THE CENTRAL SUPPLIER DATABASE (CSD)

The Minister of Finance announced in the 2015 budget speech, the development and future use of the Central Supplier Database (CSD) as a way of simplifying the process of doing business with government.

The Minister of Finance with the support of the Eastern Cape Provincial Treasury will launch the CSD in East London, Industrial Development Zone (IDZ – Business Centre) on 1 September 2015.

The Central Supplier Database (CSD) will be the source of all supplier information for all organs of state. The CSD will reduce the exchange of compliance documents in paper form, eliminate multiple registrations with different organs of state, and ultimately reduce the cost for both business and government by enabling electronic registration and verification processes.

The CSD will interface with the South African Revenue Service (SARS) to verify tax clearance certificates and the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) for business registration and business ownership information. The CSD will furthermore verify supplier information with the register for tender defaulters and database of restricted suppliers. (**See Fact Sheet attached**).

From 1 September 2015 prospective suppliers should self-register on the CSD website www.csd.gov.za. Apart from registering and capturing supplier information on the CSD, suppliers currently on any database of organs of state need to maintain their records through the existing supplier systems for the period 1 September 2015 to 31 March 2016.

The period from 1 September 2015 to 31 March 2016, will be referred to as the Interim Period. During the interim period, suppliers that register on the CSD must provide their CSD supplier number and unique security code that will be communicated to them, as well as any other relevant documentation (not yet electronically verified by the CSD) to the organs of state that they want to do business with.

A demonstration of the CSD will be done for the media between 07:00 and 08:15 am followed by the press briefing from 09:00 am. Assisted registrations will be done on site until 16:00.

Journalists who wish to attend should RSVP to Zwikhodo.Singo@treasury.gov.za

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