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CIPC ESSENTIAL SERVICES CERTIFICATES TO BE RENEWED

Please note that the initial CIPC certificates for essential service providers expire today and you are required to secure an updated certificate for the extended lockdown period. Please see below link to a press release in this regard:

<https://www.fin24.com/Economy/South-Africa/lockdown-new-certificate-needed-to-perform-essential-services-20200416>

We can confirm that our own new certificate was mailed directly to us overnight and assume this would be the case with all, but the attached also advises that you can print directly off the CIPC Bizportal website.

IT IS IMPERRATIVE that if you are an Essential Services Provider that your new certificate is mailed today to graeme.impson@sctsolutions.co.za as this new certificate has to be provided to carriers and transporters for any essential cargo movement from tonight. Please ensure that the responsible party in your organisation for securing the same is alerted and that a copy is sent to Graeme immediately.

It is prudent to remind all clients of the obligations to verify genuine qualifications as an essential provider. We copy herein an extract taken from yesterday's Government announcement (taken from announcement published by The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition dated 16th April):

"Where the CIPC finds that certificates have been issued to companies which do not meet the definitions of an essential service, such certificate will be revoked, and the company will be referred to the South African Police Services. False declaration by the company is a criminal offence and will result in prosecution, in terms of Lockdown Regulations.

To confirm if your business complies, please consult the necessary regulation at <https://www.gov.za/documents/disaster-management-act-regulations-address-prevent-and-combat-spread-coronavirus-covid-19>.

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