



COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL  
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## NOTICE TO ALL CIPRO CLIENTS

### ANNUAL RETURN NON COMPLIANCE ON COMPANIES AND CLOSE CORPORATIONS

The principals of every company and close corporation have the statutory duty to lodge and pay annual returns with CIPRO every year, failure of which will result in the company or close corporation incurring a penalty for late lodgement and the possibility of finally being deregistered. CIPRO uses annual returns to confirm whether a company or close corporation is still doing business, as well as to update our records with the latest information.

The deregistration of a company or close corporation results in the withdrawal of its juristic status and limited liability of directors; the assets that the company or close corporation may have at time of deregistration will be forfeited to the state in terms of *bona vacantia*. In order to restore the company or close corporation that was deregistered due to failure to lodge annual returns, a restoration application must be submitted to CIPRO.

In order to assist the public in verifying a company or close corporations' status, CIPRO is publishing the list of non-compliant companies and close corporations on its website [www.cipro.co.za](http://www.cipro.co.za) under [News and Events/Information Library/CIPRO Publications](#). This may lead to the entity being deregistered in due course. The list may be saved to a customer's local machine and searched by using the "CTRL F" function.

Customers are advised to confirm the status of their companies and close corporations and if necessary, bring all outstanding annual returns up to date in order to avoid deregistration.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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