- 1. Notic e is hereby given in terms of section 66(1)(a) of the Income Tax Act, 196 2 (Act No. 5 8 of 1962) ("th e Act"), that every person who is personally or in a representative capacity liable to taxation under the Act, or who is otherwise required to furnish a return, must furnish a return in respect of the 200 4 year of assessment within the period prescribed in paragraph 4 below.
- 2. Th e persons referred to in paragraph 1 include—
  - (a) ever y company, trust or other juristic person, which is either a resident or derive s any gross income or capita I gain from a source in the Republic;
  - (b) subjec tto paragrap h 3, ever y natura I perso n whos e gros s income for the year of assessment exceeded—
    - (i) R3  $0\,00\,0$  in the case of a person below the age of 65 years; or
    - (ii) R4 7 222 in the case of a person aged 65 years and older;
  - (c) ever y natura I perso n who carried on any trade in the Republic (other than in his or her capacity as an employee);
  - (d) ever y natura I perso n t o who m a n allowanc e o r advanc e wa s paid o r grante d a s contemplate d i n sectio n 8(1)(a) o f th e Ac t (other than an amount reimbursed or advanced as contemplated in section 8(1)(a)(ii));
  - (e) ever y natura I perso n who had an y capita I gai n o r capita I los s exceeding R10 000;
  - (f) ever y residen t who durin g the 200 4 year of assessment held any funds in foreign currency or owned any assets outside the Republic, if the total value of those funds and assets exceeded R10000 at any stage during that year;
  - (g) ever y resident to whom any income or capital gains from funds in foreig n currenc y o r asset s outsid e th e Republi c coul d b e attributed durin g the 200 4 year of assessment in terms of the Act:
  - (h) ever y residen t who held any participation rights in a controlled foreign company, as contemplated in section 72A of the Act;
  - (i) ever y person to whom an income tax return is issued or who is requested by the Commissione rin writing to furnish a return, irrespective of the amount of income of that person; and
  - (j)ever y representativ e taxpaye r o f an y perso n contemplate d i n paragraphs (a) to (i) above.
- 3. A natura I perso n contemplate d i n paragrap h 2(b) i s no t require d t o furnish a return for his or her 2004 year of assessment, if—
  - (a) the e gross income of that person consisted solely of one or more of the following—
    - (i) remuneratio n pai d o r payabl e t o hi m o r he r which doe s not excee d th e annua I equivalen t o f R6 0 00 0 (afte r deduction o f contribution s t o an y pensio n fun d an d

- years. The Commissione r may also estimate that person's taxable income and a penalty equal to two times the amount of tax chargeable thereon may be imposed.
- 9. A taxpayer who knowingly and wilfully makes any false statement in a return or evades or attempts to evade taxation or a person who assists a taxpayer to do so, is liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period of up to five years. In addition, the Commissioner may also impose a penalty equal to two times the amount of tax which was evaded.
- 10. N o person is exempted from any penalty merely by reason of the fact that the person may not have been called upon personally to furnish a return.
- 11. Fo r purposes of this notice, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Income Tax Act, 1962, bears the meaning so assigned, and "2004 year of assessment" means—
  - (a) i n the case of a company, the financial year of that company ending during the 2004 calendar year; and
  - (b) i n the case of any other person, the year of assessment ending 29 February 2004.
- 12. Furthe r information o r assistance may be obtained from any office of the Sout h Africa n Revenu e Servic e o r fro m th e website: www.sars.gov.za

ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

- 65 years and older, any contributions to a medical fund) and from which only Standard income Tax on Employees (SITE) has been deducted;
- (ii) foreig n dividend s and interest from a source outside the Republic which do not in total exceed R1 000; and
- (iii) interes t incom e fro m a sourc e i n th e Republi c no t exceeding-
  - (aa) R10 000 in the case of a natural person below the age of 65 years; or
  - (bb) R15 00 0 in the case of a natural person aged 65 years and older,

reduced by any amount of foreign dividends and interest mentioned in subparagrap h (ii) above, which is exempt from taxin terms of section 10(1)(i)(xv)(aa) of the Act; and

- (b) non e of the provisions of paragraphs 2(c) to (j)apply in respect of that person.
- 4. Return s in respect of the 2004 year of assessment must be furnished within the following periods—
  - (a) i n the case of any company within 7 months from the date on which its financial year ends; or
  - (b) i n the case of all other persons (which include natural persons, trusts and other juristic persons, such as institutions, boards or bodies)—
    - (i) o n or before 9 July 2004; or
    - (ii) wher e account s ar e accepte d b y th e Commissione r i n terms o f sectio n 66(13A) o f th e Ac t i n respec t o f th e whole or portion of a taxpayer's income, which are drawn to a dat e afte r 2 9 Februar y 2004, bu t o n o r befor e 30 September 2004, within 7 month s from the date t o which such accounts are drawn.
- 5. The forms prescribed by the Commissioner for the rendering of returns are obtainable on application from any office of the South African Revenue Service, other than an office which deals solely with matters relating to customs and excise.
- 6. If employees' tax (PAYE) has been deducted from the remuneration of a person and that person has not received an income tax return, that person must apply for a return.
- 7. Return s must be forwarded by post or be delivered to an office of the South African Revenue Service, other than an office which deals solely with matters relating to customs and excise.
- 8. If a person who is required to render a return fails to do so within the period mentione d in paragraph 4 above, that person is liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two