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**MEDIA STATEMENT:**

**RELEASE OF DAVIS TAX COMMITTEE FIRST INTERIM REPORT ON ESTATE DUTY  
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Given its Terms of Reference and the nature of its work, The Davis Tax Committee (DTC) submitted its First Interim Report on Estate Duty to the Minister of Finance on 25 January 2015. The Estate Duty Sub-Committee consulted widely and took into account 7 submissions from the public in producing the report. Submissions from the public were invited in a DTC media statement dated 3 June 2015. The Minister has subsequently authorised the DTC to release the report for public comment to be taken into account in the Second Interim Report on Estate Duty.

In essence, the First Interim Report on Estate Duty covers the following areas:

1. Estate Duty in South Africa
2. Estate duty avoidance
3. Trusts
4. The inter-spouse bequest
5. Donations tax
6. Capital Gains Tax and Duty
7. Retirement funds
8. Abatements and rates

The report is now available on the DTC website, [www.taxcom.org.za](http://www.taxcom.org.za). Comments on the report can be sent by e-mail to [taxcom@sars.gov.za](mailto:taxcom@sars.gov.za) or by post to PO Box 2344, Brooklyn Square, Pretoria, 0075. The closing date for comments is **30 September 2015**.

The Davis Tax Committee will observe its second anniversary on 17 July 2015.

Questions relating to this Media Statement can be directed to the Secretariat for the Davis Tax Committee on the telephone number 012 432 9390.