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MEDIA STATEMENT:

NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO THE DAVIS TAX COMMITTEE

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In light of the increasing workload of the Davis Tax Committee, the Minister of Finance has acceded to its request to add two new members - Ms Deborah Tickle and Dr Thabo Legwaila.

Their membership will take effect from 17 July 2015 being the second anniversary of the Committee. They bring with them a wealth of experience and expertise in the field of taxation which will serve to strengthen the Committee to deliver on its mandate as set out in its Terms of Reference. Ms Tickle and Dr Legwaila have signed-off on confidentiality agreements as was done by existing members.

The brief biographies of the two new members are as follows:

Deborah Tickle

Deborah Tickle is a Chartered Accountant and a Tax Partner at KPMG (South Africa) where she specialises in international and corporate tax. She has also spent time working in the London office of KPMG. In addition, she was appointed an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in 2011. She currently lectures in the areas of the international and corporate tax at Masters degree level.

Deborah obtained a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) degree from the University of Witwatersrand in 1984 and an Honours Degree (BCom (Hons) Taxation) from UCT.

She served on SAICA's national tax committee from 2006 to 2014 (as deputy chair for some of that time) and still serves on the Southern Region tax committee (1996 to present). She has, on a number of occasions, made representations in Parliament on proposed tax law changes on behalf of SAICA or KPMG.

Deborah has written many tax articles for newspapers and magazines and has featured in interviews on television and radio. She has also authored a Paper, which was published in 2013, for the International Fiscal Association, on South African controlled foreign company rules and passive income.

Thabo Legwaila

Thabo Legwaila is the Head of Tax for Africa at Citibank and a Professor in the Law faculty at the University of Johannesburg. His areas of specialisation are corporate and international tax law. He is also an extraordinary lecturer at the University of Pretoria.

Thabo holds a B Juris from the University of Venda, an LLB and an LLM from the University of the Witwatersrand, a postgraduate diploma in tax law and an LLM from the University of Cape Town, and an LLD from the University of Pretoria.

He previously taught at the University of Stellenbosch and has been a Research Fellow at the Harvard University International Tax Program. His previous employment also includes KPMG and Ernst & Young, following which he joined the National Treasury as a Director heading the Business Tax division of the Tax Policy Unit.

The Davis Tax Committee welcomes its new members and wishes them well in their endeavours.

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