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## **JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE DTI AND SANAS**

**ON**

### **EXEMPTED MICRO ENTERPRISE (EME) B-BBEE STATUS LEVEL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY VERIFICATION AGENCIES ACCREDITED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ACCREDITATION SYSTEM (SANAS)**

In accordance with B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice (Statement 000, Section 4), any enterprise with an annual Total Revenue of R 5million or less qualifies as an Exempted Micro-Enterprise. Exempted Micro-Enterprises are deemed to have B-BBEE Status of "Level Four Contributor" having B-BBEE procurement recognition of 100%. In an instance where the Exempted Micro Enterprises more than 50% owned by black people, the enterprise qualifies for a promotion to a B-BBEE Status of "Level Three Contributor" having B-BBEE procurement recognition of 110%.

Sufficient evidence of qualification as an Exempted Micro-Enterprise is an auditor's certificate or similar certificate issued by an accounting officer or an Accredited Verification Agency. In accordance with gazette notice 34612, the Minister of Trade and Industry announced that as of 1 October 2011, only B-BBEE status level certificates issued by SANAS accredited verification agencies and Registered Auditors approved by IRBA are valid. However in the case of EME certification Statement 000, Section 4 of the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice still applies, but only accredited verification agencies may issue verification certificates including the Exempted Micro Enterprise certificates.

In the past, the issuing of EME certificates did not form part of the SANAS accreditation scope, as these entities are exempt from the requirement of the B-BBEE Codes of Good Practice which are the founding document for the role of SANAS. SANAS Accredited Verification Agencies were therefore not permitted to use the SANAS symbol on EME Certificates.

In light of the revised Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act Regulations which came into effect on 7 December 2011 and its Implementation Guides; it has become mandatory for the SANAS symbol to appear on the EME certificates as there is a greater need to provide certainty to the implementers of the PPPFA Regulations on the validity of SANAS Accredited Verification Agency EME.

To give effect to these new requirements, all EME certificates, issued by SANAS accredited Verification Agencies shall be verified in line with Clause 10.1.3 and Code Series 100 of the Verification Manual and evidence of such shall be maintained by the Verification Agencies. Any further guidance on the use of the SANAS symbol will be communicated by SANAS directly to the Verification Agencies.

With effect from 1 March 2012, Exempted Micro Enterprise (EME) B-BBEE status level certificates issued by Verification Agencies accredited by the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS), should contain the SANAS symbol on the face of the certificate. For EME B-BBEE status level certificates issued by Accredited Verification Agencies prior to 1 March 2012, the user of the certificate must confirm the validity of the certificate by tracing the name of the issuing Verification Agency to the list of SANAS Accredited Agencies. This list is accessible on [www.sanas.co.za/directory/bbbee\\_default.php](http://www.sanas.co.za/directory/bbbee_default.php).

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