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Circular 18/2020 COVID-19

25 May 2020

ATTENTION: ALL EMPLOYERS

Dear Sir/Madam

URGENT INFORMATION REQUEST: COVID-19 - UIF CLAIM MEDIUM

Following Circular 16/2020, we advise that 101 companies have applied to claim UIF directly and not via the NTBC, by close of business on Friday 22 April 2020.

We confirm that the requests for these 101 companies have been submitted to the UIF over the weekend, and some have already been processed by the UIF.

We are expecting more companies to go this route as recommended, and will continue to submit it to the UIF, as and when we receive the new requests.

We intend to submit updated new applications on a daily basis to the UIF.

This was after the parties to the bargaining council held an important assessment meeting on Thursday, 21 May 2020.

The main purpose was to evaluate how best to proceed with the new tranche of UIF claims which will open for the May 2020 period.

You are kindly reminded that companies will receive a password from the UIF, which will allow you to apply directly on the UIF portal for salaried staff for April and for both weekly and salaried staff for May.

We remind companies not apply for April 2020 UIF claims for hourly paid (bargaining unit employees), as these are still being followed up by the NTBC directly with the UIF.

We urge all companies who receive the new password from UIF submit your claim as soon as possible once you receive the new password from UIF.

However, please note that the UIF has not yet opened the claim facility for May 2020.

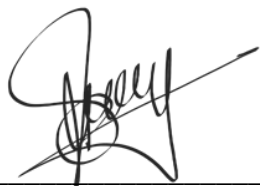
It was expected to be opened today or tomorrow.

However, we were advised this morning that the UIF systems are not ready for the May window of applications.

We are advised that UIF intends to make an announcement when the May claims facility will be opened, later this week.

The NTBC will continue to engage with the UIF for all claims submitted via the NTBC for the month of April 2020 and shall continue to provide feedback to the Industry on the outstanding claims.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alvan Pillay', written over a horizontal line.

Alvan Pillay
Secretary
(Sent Electronically)