

## **CUSTOMER NOTICE 4 OF 2025**

## COMPANIES AND CLOSE CORPORATIONS NOT COMPLIANT WITH COMPULSORY ANNUAL FILING OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP DECLARATIONS AND SECURITIES REGISTERS

Upon reviewing our registers, it has come to our attention that there are several companies and close corporations that have not yet complied with legislative requirements – filing of their Beneficial Ownership (BO) declaration and securities registers. A list containing noncompliant entities, has been published on our website under "Publications", for ease of reference.

Non-compliance with the BO declaration filings is a violation of the Amended Companies Regulations to give full effect to the General Laws (Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Terrorism Financing) Amendment Act 22 of 2022. Directors of companies and members of close corporations are urged to comply within seven (7) business days from date of publication of this notice, with filing of BO declaration and Securities Registers. Failure to comply will result in the company or close corporation not being able to perform any transactions with CIPC and will further be issued with a compliance notice and/or a court sanctioned administrative fine and ultimately referred for deregistration.

Notices of BO non-compliance were issued electronically to the contact details of the active directors, company secretaries and members of close corporations.

Therefore, directors, company secretaries and members MUST ensure compliance with legislation and that the CIPC always has their correct, valid, up to date e-mail addresses (not that of Auditor and/or Accounting Officer or service provider), registered company address and cell phone numbers as per the Customer Notice 70 of 2018 <a href="https://www.cipc.co.za/?p=15220">https://www.cipc.co.za/?p=15220</a>

**NB:** For guidance on how to file BO declaration, follow the step-by-step guides as published under the Beneficial Ownership section in this link: <u>https://www.cipc.co.za/?page\_id=4447</u>

## Yours sincerely,



ADV. RORY VOLLER COMMISSIONER 10\_\_\_\_\_ JANUARY 2025