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Media Statement: Appointment of new Deputy Commissioners

At its ordinary meeting in Pretoria on Wednesday, 15 April 2009, Cabinet approved the appointment of the following persons as Deputy Commissioners at the South African Revenue Service (SARS);

Mr O Magashula,
Mr I Pillay and
Mr E Kieswetter

About the new Deputy Commissioners:

Mr Oupa Magashula

Mr Magashula has been with SARS since 2006 and currently heads an operational division responsible for contact centres, processing centres and delivery enablement services such as process engineering and information management. Prior to this he was head of Human Resources and other Corporate Services. He has created an advanced platform for people management and development. In the early eighties he worked for a trade union, studied for a BSc at the University of Cape Town and later management courses at the UCT Business School. He has worked in the private sector both in operations and HR – Nampak, Sun International and Anglo Vaal Industries. Prior to SARS, he was HR Director at Telkom.

Mr Ivan Pillay

Mr Pillay has been the head of Enforcement at SARS for the past 10 years. He has made a singular contribution to creating the SARS Compliance Model, the development of the Compliance Risk capability and the design of the Large Business Centre which services South Africa's largest corporates. His leadership of the audit program has led to a significant Enforcement incorporating the Audit, Debt collection and Criminal Investigation functions. He was previously in exile. Prior to joining SARS he worked at the National Intelligence Agency and South African Secret Service. The Enforcement division was established and built up by Mr Pillay over the past 8 years.

Mr Edward Kieswetter

Mr Kieswetter has been with SARS since 2005. He implemented the Large Business Centre and was head of the Centre for about 18 months. He established, among other functions, relationship managers for the large corporates. He acted as the Chief Operating Officer managing assessment as well as call and service centres of SARS. Over the past year he headed Strategic Services, being responsible for strategy, corporate planning and providing an enterprise perspective on revenue analysis. He has a good grasp of financial structures. He is an engineer by training and has an MBA and M Com in tax. He has worked for ESKOM and the First Rand Bank group in various capacities, including serving on the boards of certain entities.

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