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Extended hours as Employer Filing Season deadline approaches.

Pretoria 27 May 2009 -The South African Revenue Service (SARS) will be extending its business hours at all its branches to assist with the increase in Employers submitting their payroll records ahead of the 30 May deadline. From today, SARS branches will remain open till 6pm daily and from 8am to 1pm on Saturday 30 May.

With just 3 days to go to the deadline, SARS is anticipating a huge surge in submissions if it is to exceed last year's submission levels of 160 000 reconciliations and approximately 6.5 million certificates by the deadline. By yesterday SARS had received about 85 000 EMP501 (PAYE) reconciliations and about 5 million IRP5/IT3 (a) employee tax certificates.

SARS is expecting many Employers to file their PAYE reconciliations towards the end of filing period. This will place additional pressure on our systems and staff at branch offices as the deadline also coincides with other filing due dates.

SARS encourages all Employers to avoid the unnecessary 10% penalty of the total amount of employees' tax deducted during the 2009 year of assessment by filing on time. Employers are reminded that there will be no extension to the current deadline.

It is important that Employers file their PAYE correctly and on time in order for their Employees to do their Personal Income Tax filing correctly and with sufficient time. Employers who do not comply will also negatively impact on their staff to be compliant.

Following the conclusion of the Employer filing period Employees will receive the their ITR12 income tax returns timeously once the Tax Season for Individuals begins on 1 July.

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