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Appointment of a new Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service

Pretoria, 30 July 2009 – Cabinet today announced the appointment of Mr. Oupa Magashula (47) as the new SARS Commissioner. Magashula has been the Acting SARS Commissioner since 12 May 2009 when Mr. Pravin Gordhan was appointed as South Africa's new Minister of Finance.

About Oupa George Magashula

He has been with SARS since 2006 when he was appointed as the head of Human Resources and Corporate Services and served on the SARS executive committee. He later took charge of an operational division within SARS responsible for contact centres, processing centres and delivery enablement. Prior to SARS, he was HR Director at Telkom.

In the early eighties he worked as a trade unionist. In 1991 he completed a BSc (Oceanography and Chemistry) at the University of Cape Town and later completed business 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.

Magashula is married with 2 children.

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