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Search and Seizure at Hartebeespoort Dam

Pretoria, March 29 2010 – Investigators from the South African Revenue Service (SARS) and the South African Police Service (SAPS) today carried out search and seizure warrants at a business premises in the Hartebeespoort Dam area.

The search and seizure orders relate to investigations into alleged tax fraud by the business in question. Upon being presented with the search and seizure orders as well as a warrant for his arrest, the taxpayer stated that he did not want to go to jail.

Regrettably, the taxpayer then committed suicide by shooting himself at his business premises.

SARS views this tragic incident as very unfortunate and wants to express its condolences with the taxpayer's family.

Together with investigators from SAPS, SARS will ensure that further investigations are conducted with the necessary sensitivity and understanding for the trauma that the family of the taxpayer must be going through.

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