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MINISTER'S FOREWORD

Government's priority focus area continues to be the recovery of growth, investment and employment, guided by the Economic Recovery and Reconstruction Plan adopted in 2020, and the tasks outlined by President Ramaphosa in the 2022 State of the Nation Address.

This APP represents the outcome of the work done by the Companies Tribunal. The APP is not about many new objectives but rather a new way of implementation, with the focus on integration, to enhance the development impact of the work.

This APP will advance the strategic shift initiated in 2021/2022 toward strengthened implementation and impact of **dtic's** work, through greater integration of efforts within the department and our entities, guided by the shared cross-cutting broader outcomes, and the forty-five outputs. In this regard, the work of the **dtic** and the entities will be evaluated in relation to outputs number 33 and 40 which contribute to Industrialisation, transformation, and capable state." These outputs can be realised through achievement of predetermined objectives as outlined in the APP. Companies Tribunal aims to achieve these outputs through procurement from disadvantaged communities, reduction of time to resolve disputes, advocacy services and research.

The scope of the outputs collectively still encompass the identified **dtic's** priorities, which include among others, the work of sector masterplans, initiatives to boost levels of investment and localisation in the economy, expanding trade within the continent, enabling better local economic development, supporting the growth of new industries (in the green economy and through beneficiation) and building a capable state, in particular addressing red tape as prioritised by the President in the 2022 State of the Nation Address.

I table the APP for 2024/25 in accordance with the request by the Speaker. I wish to thank the management for the work done and wish them well in executing the APP and aligning their work to government's overall programmes and priorities.

Ebrahim Patel Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition

Annex 2024/25 APP Functional focus of outputs

Functional focus of outputs

Additional outputs (programmatic, enabling or responsive to immediate needs) have been included in the APP. The following tables indicate the functional focus of these outputs. Output numbering refers to the classification in the consolidated table, found in the APP. Pillar numbering refers to the section in dealing with the aims of industrial policy. Outcome numbers refer to: Industrialisation (1), Transformation (2) and Capable State (3) though it should be seen as indicative, as one Output intended to cover a single Outcome can and does have positive spillover-effects on the other Outcomes.

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 1	R350 billion in investment pledges secured across the state	4	1
Output 23	100 Investor facilitation and unblocking interventions provided	4	1
Output 17	1 new SEZs application considered for designation	4	1,2

12.1.2 Industrial production

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 2	R60 Billion in additional local output committed or achieved	2	1
Output 11	R 200 Billion in black industrialist output achieved	1	1,2

12.1.3 Exports

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 3	R900 Billion in manufacturing exports	3	1
Output 4	R400 Billion in manufacturing exports to other African countries	3	1,2
Output 5	R9 Billion in exports of Global Business Services (GBS)	3	1
Output 27	20 Successful Export Interventions to support the implementation of the AFCFTA	3	1
Output 28	10 High impact trade interventions completed	3	1,3
Output 41	5 Finalisation of legal instruments under the AfCFTA (Tariff offers, Schedule of Commitments, Rules of Origin, Protocols and Annexes to protocols)	3	3

12.1.4 Industrial support

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 6	R32 Billion in support programmes administered by or in partnership with the dtic -group	1	1,2,3
Output 7	R15 Billion support programmes to enterprises in areas outside the 5* main metros	1	1,2
Output 8	R8 Billion in financial support programmes and procurement contracts approved to SMMES, women and youth- empowered businesses	1	1
Output 9	R 8 Billion in financial support programmes to enterprises in labour absorbing sectors	1, 6	1
Output 43	1 Operationalization of an Adjudication process for incentive applications	1	1, 3

12.1.5 Transformation

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 10	R 900 Million in Equity Equivalent Investment Programme agreements	1	1,2
Output 15	20 000 additional workers with shares in their companies	1	1
Output 16	10 High-impact outcomes on addressing market concentration through the implementation of market inquiry outcomes	1	1,2

12.1.6 Jobs

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 12	1 Million jobs supported or covered by the dtic group and/ or master plans	6	2
Output 13	100 000 jobs to be created (50 000 social economy fund part-time or temporary job opportunities and 50 000 full-time jobs)	6	1,2
Output 14	160 000 jobs in Black Industrialists firms retained	1, 6	1,2

12.1.7 Energy

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 18	R 1 Billion Support to enterprises including SMMEs to mitigate impact of load shedding by IDC and NEF	5	1,2
Output 19	1500 Megawatts of energy from projects facilitated	5	1,3
Output 20	550 Megawatts of energy available for the grid	5	1,3
Output 21	3 Projects successfully managed through the Energy One-Stop Shop	5	3
Output 22	2 Expedited regulatory amendments and flexibility, to promote energy efficiency	5	1,2,3

12.1.8 Green economy targets

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 29	4 Interventions to respond to green trade barriers	5	1
Output 30	1 EV white paper implementation	5	1
Output 31	1 Green hydrogen commercialisation framework implementation	5	1

12.1.9 Stakeholder engagement and impacts

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 25	9 Business Forums hosted aimed at supporting increased FDI,	1	1,2,3
	exports and outward investment hosted		
Output 32	1000 Case studies of firms, workers, entrepreneurs,	1	1
	professionals or communities' impacted by the dtic measures;		
	including 12 local films/documentaries telling the SA story		
Output 33	Community outreach programmes by the dtic group in 10	1	1,2,3
	districts		
Output 37	2 Conferences, summits, and international forums hosted	1	1,2,3
Output 45	10 Successful actions completed on price monitoring and	1	1,2,3
	excessive pricing or price gouging or price restraint		

12.1.10 Addressing crime

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 24	Grey-listing: 2 Implementation of remedial actions by CIPC of the	1	3
	Financial Action Task Force (FATF) requirements to meet		
	immediate outcome 5 (IO5) in South Africa's Action Plan		
Output 42	1 Metal trading system implemented	1,5	1,2,3

12.1.11 Red tape and state capability targets

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 39	9 Impact evaluations of dtic programme or sub-programmes	All	3
Output 40	5 High-impact measures to reduce red tape or improve turnaround times in administration of incentives and work of agencies		
Output 44	6 Impact assessments or enhancements of trade instruments or measures	2,3	1,2,3

12.1.12 Improving the capacity and responsiveness of the state and social partnership

Number	Output	Pillar	Outcome
Output 26	4 Pieces of priority legislation amended, tabled or submitted to	All	1,2,3
	Executive Authority, Cabinet or Parliament		
Output 34	8 Master Plans managed	All	1,2,3
Output 35	Oversight of IDC, NEF and ECIC to ensure that at least 96% of planned KPIs are achieved	All	1,2,3
Output 36	3 Projects to assist industrial innovation and support firms	All	1,2,3
Output 38	50 Mergers and acquisitions where public interest conditions have been incorporated	All	1,2



Accounting Authority's Statement

I am pleased to present the 2024/25 Annual Performance Plan (APP) for the Companies Tribunal (the Tribunal). The APP sets out a three-year plan for the Tribunal to deliver on its mandate and realize its new vision "To be a world class adjudicatory and alternative dispute resolution Tribunal that contributes to a fair corporate practice".

The Tribunal's APP is informed by the values and founding provisions of the Constitution, and the Companies Act, No. 71 of 2008 (the Act). It is further informed by the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition's (the **dtic's**) strategic objective of creating a fair regulatory environment that enables investment, trade and enterprise development in an equitable and socially responsible manner. The APP is further informed by the six priorities of the Sixth Administration particularly the six focus areas in the trade, industry and competition portfolio, within which the Tribunal resides. Furthermore, Tribunal will contribute to **dtic** outputs through reduction of timeframes to finalise cases and procurement from disadvantaged communities. The mandate of the Tribunal remains two-fold: adjudication and resolution of disputes through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). The Tribunal may also perform any other functions assigned to it in terms of the Act or any laws mentioned in Schedule 4 of the Act.

The major challenges that may impact negatively on the Tribunal's ability to deliver on its plans include limited funding and as a direct consequence of this, the inability to fully market the institution, to grow the caseload and to fully capacitate the institution as per the approved structure. These are long standing but urgent challenges that need urgent solutions failing which, the Tribunal's ability to execute its mandate will be negatively impacted.

In an environment characterised by a difficult economic climate, the use of ADR as a preferred mode of resolving company disputes is expected to rise over the next 5 years. ADR saves costs associated with litigation. The current mandate of the Companies Tribunal is limited, it is hoped that the Companies Amendment Bill in Parliament will expand the Tribunal's mandate and translate into more cases filed with the Companies Tribunal.

Dennis Davis Chairperson: Companies Tribunal

Accounting Officer's Statement

The Companies Tribunal (the Tribunal) was established to increase access by companies, to the justice system, through efficient adjudication and resolution of disputes through Alternative Dispute Resolution mechanisms (ADR). The beneficiaries of the Tribunal include the start-up companies, small to medium companies and companies in financial distress who cannot afford the fees associated with protracted litigation. The Tribunal offers a simple, expeditious and cost-free mechanism of resolving companies' disputes. This impacts positively on the economy of the country as it saves costs associated with lost productivity and legal fees, contributing towards the creation of a capable state where the government invests and creates a platform for all sizes of business to strive.

The types of applications that the Tribunal handles include name and directorship disputes, review of compliance notices issued by CIPC, application to hold annual general meetings (AGMs), an extension of time to hold an AGM as well as applications for exemption from establishing social and ethics committees. The Tribunal's case load is expected to increase over the MTEF period as a result of amendments to the Companies Act. The amendments are expected to increase the scope of the powers of the Tribunal, albeit in a limited way as only minimal amendments were accommodated.

The Tribunal plans to increase its marketing activities over the MTEF period. Stakeholders such as business chambers and the Legal Practice Council will be engaged with a view of forming strategic partnerships to disseminate information about the Tribunal throughout the country. There is a growing need to increase the expertise of the Tribunal by adding retired judges and senior legal professionals. It is in this view that the Tribunal plans to embark on the exercise of reviewing the burden of cases relating to its mandate launched at the highcourts to inform its marketing activities such that all possible clients of the Tribunal gain access to the costless and expedited services of the Tribunal.

Despite the challenges, I am confident that the Tribunal will deliver on its mandate and thus contribute to the realisation of a fair and ethical corporate environment.

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Selby Magwasha Acting Chief Operations Officer

Official Sign-Off

It is hereby certified that this Annual Performance Plan:

- Was developed by the management of the Companies Tribunal together with the Chairpersons of the Governance Committees.
- Considered all the relevant policies, legislation and other mandates for which the Companies Tribunal is responsible.
- Accurately reflects the Impact, Outcomes and Outputs which the Companies Tribunal will endeavour to achieve over the period 2024/25.

Irene Mathatho Chief Financial Officer

Selby Magwasha Acting Chief Operations Officer

Approved by:

Dennis Davis Accounting Authority

Part A: Our Mandate

1. Constitutional mandate: -The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa

Through its adjudicative mandate and its consideration of matters of prohibited conduct and fair business practice, the Companies Tribunal (the Tribunal) plays a significant role in upholding and preserving the principles enshrined in the Bill of Rights. Specifically, the Tribunal has a direct impact on the following areas within the Constitution of the country, under the Bill of Rights chapter:

- a) Sub-section 9: Equality Through remaining accessible to diverse groupings of consumers and businesses, the Tribunal plays its role in ensuring that parties have the right to equal protection and benefit of the law. Additionally, the Tribunal strives through its value system to respect human diversity and ensure that no form of discrimination, if any, is tolerated.
- **b)** Sub-section 10: Human dignity Through the adjudication process, the Tribunal ensures that prohibited conduct, as well as the relevant action thereto do not impair human dignity.
- **c)** Sub-section 14: Privacy Whilst adhering to its founding legislation, and as part of the adjudicative role, the Tribunal ensures that the privacy of persons is protected.
- **d)** Sub-section 33: Just administrative action The Tribunal ensures it hears both sides to a dispute and that it issues reasons for its decisions.

2. Legislative and policy mandates

The Tribunal is established in terms of the Companies Act, No. 71 of 2008, (the Act), as a juristic person. In terms of the Act, the Tribunal has jurisdiction throughout the Republic. It is independent and subject only to the Constitution and law.

The Tribunal's mandate in terms of the Companies Act is to:

- a) Adjudicate in relation to any application that may be made to it in terms of the Act and make any order provided for in the Act in respect of any such application.
- **b)** Assist in the resolution of disputes as contemplated in Part C of Chapter 7 of the Act.
- c) Perform any other function assigned to it by or in terms of the Act or any law in Schedule 4.

In delivering on this mandate the Tribunal is expected to exercise and perform its functions in line with the spirit, purpose and objects of the Constitution, International Law and Companies Act, and in a manner which

is simple, ethical, efficient, equitable, transparent, accountable, impartial and without fear, favour or prejudice.

3. Institutional Policies and Strategies

To ensure proper Governance, the Tribunal has policies in various units (functional areas). The policies referred to above are listed on a Policy Schedule that the Tribunal maintains for control and review purposes. In addition to the policies mentioned above, the Tribunal has various other plans and registers.

4. Relevant Court Rulings

There are no court rulings to date that impact on our mandate.

Part B: Our Strategic Focus

- 4. Situational Analysis
- 4.1.1 External Environment Analysis

Political Economic Social Technology Legal Environment (PESTLE)

POLITICAL	ECONOMIC					
Priority on driving out corruption.	Impact of load shedding					
Legislative Amendments	 Impact of water restrictions 					
Use of E-Government	 Economic instability (local and international) 					
Long decision lead times	Slow economic growth					
Changing political priorities (change of	Budget cut					
administration)	Austerity measures					
Political instability						
Pandemics						
 Fraud and Corruption 						
SOCIAL	TECHNOLOGICAL					
 High rate of unemployment 	Access to data					
 Awareness of the Tribunal 	 Future technologies (4IR, etc.) 					
 Language diversity 	 Impact of social media 					
• Social media	Access to mobile technology / ICT					
 Fraud / corruption 	Artificial intelligence					
 Low literacy rate 	Cyber-attacks / ransom ware					
Misconception about the Tribunal's jurisdiction						
by members of the public						
 Population growth 						
LEGAL	ENVIRONMENTAL					
• Data privacy framework (POPI Act, etc.) King 4	Green economy					
report	Pandemics					
 Legislative amendments 	 Utilities (load shedding, water outage) 					
 Limited jurisdiction to meet public expectations 	Lack of appropriate office accommodation					
Case Reviews						

4.1.2 Internal Environment Analysis Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats (SWOT)

a) Strengths and Weaknesses:

Strengths	Weaknesses
Diverse pool of experienced Tribunal	There are instances where the Tribunal does not get
Members	value for money spent on goods and services
Flexible working environment	Limited Mandate
Institutional knowledge	Poor governance
Short turnaround time	Budgetary constraints
Strong collaboration amongst management	Human Capacity in certain divisions
Holding hearings virtually	Flat structure
Strong problem-solving skills	Inadequate facilities
Robust IT infrastructure	Job specification divisionally
Good systems and procedures	Outsourced internal audit
Independence and impartiality	

b) Opportunities and Threats:

OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
Growing uptake of ADR services	Budget constraints
Expanding our geographic footprint	Limited jurisdiction
Access to virtual technology	Decline in case load
Increasing referrals from external stakeholders	Cyber-attacks / ransom ware
(including CIPC, TRP, law firms etc.)	Cost orders
• Technology – automating systems and	 Limited access to the Tribunal (by the public)
processes to improve efficiency	 Limited public awareness of the Tribunal
• Support from key stakeholders for the	• Perception of political role players that the Tribunal is
Tribunal's extension of scope	not impartial
• Benchmarking on best practice models from	• External dependencies (e.g. Internal Audit function and
similar entities	IT infrastructure outsourced)
 Aggressive marketing of the Tribunal 	Fraud / corruption
• Contribution to research, jurisprudence and the	Language diversity
development of company law	Low literacy rate
Collaboration with higher education institutions	• Competition from other alternative dispute resolution
to increase research output on the work of the	bodies
Tribunal.	 Misconception about Tribunal jurisdiction
• Government Collaboration for support and	New Administration
resource sharing	 Inability to close unattended files
Amendments of the Companies Act to increase	 Part-time members who may have conflicting priorities
mandate	to the Tribunal's cases
• Availability of retired judges and senior legal	
practitioners to adjudicate	

Part C: Measuring Our Performance

- 5. Institutional Programme Performance Information
- 5.1 Programme 1: Adjudication
- 5.1.1. Purpose of the programme

The purpose of the programme is to adjudicate and make orders in relation to applications made in terms of the Companies Act No. 71 of 2008 as well as to facilitate the resolution of company disputes in terms of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Contributes to the promotion of fair and ethical corporate practices (Quality of decisions, turnaround time for issuing of decisions).

Members of the Tribunal are appointed by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition to adjudicate applications and resolve disputes based on the applications filed by the parties to the dispute. Where necessary, hearings are held in person or virtually. Cases are decided on paper without parties' physical appearance.

The Tribunal contributes to the **dtic's** Output number 40, "High-impact measures to reduce red tape or improve turnaround times in administration of incentives and work of agencies" and Output 33 "Community Outreach Programmes by the DTIC group" both which have the Outcome of Industrialisation, Transformation, and Capable State.

5.1.1.1 Outcomes, Outputs, Output Indicators and Targets

			Annual Targets							
Outcomes	Outputs	Output Indicators	Audited Performance			Estimated Performance MTEF Period		eriod		
			2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2		2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27		
Improved access to justice	Order / decisions issued	Percentage of decisions and orders issued on opposed applications within 35 working days from the last set down or final submission by parties, whichever is applicable	100%	100%	88%	95%	95%	95%	95%	
	Order/ decision issued	Percentage of decisions and orders issued on <u>unopposed</u> applications within 25 working days from the last date of submission by parties whichever is applicable	96%	97%	100%	95%	95%	95%	95%	
					1					

			Annual Targets						
Outcomes	Outputs	Output Indicators		Audited Performance			MTEF Pe	Period	
			2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
		Percentage of cases finalised							
		in terms of Alternative Dispute							
		Resolution (ADR) within 20							
	Resolved	working days after the date of	100%	100%	100%	95%	95%	95%	95%
	disputes	set down or final submission							
		by parties whichever is							
		applicable							

5.1.1.2 Indicators, Annual and Quarterly Targets

Output Indicators	Annual Target 2024/25	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Percentage of decisions and orders issued on opposed applications within 35 working days from the last set down or final submission by parties, whichever is applicable	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Percentage of decisions and orders issued on <u>unopposed</u> applications within 25 working days from the last date of submission by parties whichever is applicable	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Percentage of cases finalised in terms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) within 20 working days after the date of set down or final submission by parties whichever is applicable	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%

5.2 **Programme 2: Administration**

5.2.1 Purpose of the programme

The purpose of the programme is to ensure operational efficiency and effectiveness as well as effective stakeholder engagement. The Programme further aims to efficiently support and manage the operations by ensuring that there is proper Financial Management, Human Resource Management, Information Technology Management, Stakeholder Management and Legal Services.

The Tribunal will be contributing to the **dtic's** three broad outcomes (Transformation, industrialisation, and capable state):

a) Output 33, "Community outreach programmes by the **dtic** group" and Output 37, "Conferences, summits, and international forums hosted" which would be achieved through the implementation of the target on outreaches with Ministry; governmental collaborative engagements as well as media engagements which is a target set to enhance and strengthen stakeholder engagements and improve community inclusion in government activities.

Through implementation of operational efficiency targets of producing the required research, and obtaining a clean audit, the Tribunal would be implementing the **dtic's** 39th Output, "High impact measures to improve the efficiency and /or effectiveness, of the **dtic's** policy or programme interventions". This would include economic transformation where a majority of the Tribunals procurement is awarded to B-BBEE targeted service providers, thus contributing to the promotion of a growing and inclusive economy. Research will contribute towards legislative amendment on the mandate of the Tribunal in order to cater for companies with more than two director and those that are in financial distress.

			Annual Ta	argets					
Outcome	Outputs Output Indicators		te Pe				Estima MTEF Period ted Perfor mance		
			2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/2	2024/2	2025/2	2026/2
						4	5	6	7
						070/	070/	070/	070/
Operational	1. Staff retention	1.1 Percentage of critical positions	-	-	-	87%	87%	87%	87%
efficiency and		filled on approved organisation							
effectiveness		structure							
	2. Enhanced	2.1 Number of research report	-	One	One	One	One	One	One
	mandate of the	produced		report	report	report	report	report	report
	Tribunal								
	3. Unqualified	3.1 An unqualified opinion issued by	Unqualifi	Unqualifi	Unqualifi	Unquali	Unquali	Unquali	Unquali
	opinion	the external auditors on the Annual	ed	ed	ed	fied	fied	fied	fied
		Financial Statements by 31 August	opinion	opinion	opinion	opinion	opinion	opinion	opinion
		each year							
Economic	4.Procurement	4.1 Percentage of preferential	-	60%	65%	65%	70%	70%	70%
transformation	from designated	procurement from designated groups							
	groups								

Effective	5. Advocacy	5.1 Outreaches undertaken with	-	-	-	18	20	21	22
stakeholder	service	Ministry, municipalities, communities							
engagement		and institutions of higher learning.							
		5.2 Number of mid-year year	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
		seminars held							
		5.3 Number of Media engagements:	8	4	12	12	12	13	14
		(media statements/radio activities)							
		conducted							

Output Indicators	Annual Target 2024/25	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1.1 Percentage of critical positions filled on approved organisation structure	87%	87%	87%	87%	87%
2.1 Number of research report produced	One research report	Develop ToR	Signing of MOU with stakeholders	Submission of 1 st draft report	Submission of final report
3.1 An unqualified opinion issued by the external auditors on the Annual Financial Statements by 31 August each year	An unqualified audit opinion by the external auditors	-	-	An unqualified audit opinion by the external auditors	-
4.1 Percentage preferential procurement from designated groups	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%
5.1 Number of outreaches with Ministry; governmental collaborative engagements Ministry, municipalities, communities, institutions of higher learning etc; marketing/ branding campaigns	20	4	6	6	4
5.2 Number of mid-year year seminars held	2	-	-	1	1

Output Indicators	Annual Target 2024/25	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
5.3. Number of Media engagements:(media statements/radio activities)conducted	12	2	3	4	3

6. Explanation of planned performance over the medium-term period

6.1 Contribution of outputs towards achieving the outcomes and impact in the Strategic Plan aligned to the Mandate

6.1.1 Outcome 1: Improved access to justice

a) The number of applications adjudicated within the turnaround times (Adjudication)

The Tribunal adjudicates applications at no charge to the parties. The targeted beneficiaries of this output include the start-ups, small to medium companies and companies in financial distress that cannot afford the fees associated with protracted litigation. This means that even the applicants that would normally be excluded from litigation by the high prohibitive costs of a normal court litigation are able to lodge cases at the Tribunal. The affordability of the Tribunal's services has a positive impact on economic inclusion and transformation. While the target is small companies and those in distress, big companies also benefit from speedy resolution of cases to ensure that disputes do not inhibit business activities for a prolonged period.

Furthermore, the Tribunal's targeted turnaround times are between 25 days (unopposed) and 35 days (opposed). Very few applications exceed the periods. In ordinary courts, cases may take months on the roll and years before coming before the court. Hence the Tribunal services offer an

affordable and quicker option than normal litigation that may cripple a business both financially and operationally. Through the Tribunal's intervention and services, companies can speedily resolve disputes and remain sustainable and competitive. This ensures achievement of the impacts stated in the Strategic Plan of economic inclusion, transformation and making South Africa an attractive investment destination.

b) The number of disputes-applications resolved within the turnaround times through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

The same benefits of cost and time efficiency offered by the output of adjudicated applications are applicable to the output of resolved disputes. In addition, the turn-around time for resolution of disputes is 20 days which makes it even shorter than that of adjudicated applications. Further benefits of dispute resolution through alternative dispute resolution (ADR) are that it is informal and confidential, more flexible, and responsive to the individual needs of the parties involved. Parties have a chance to tell their story as they know it. The parties' involvement in the process creates greater commitment to the result so that compliance is more likely. Through ADR, it is more likely to preserve goodwill or at least not escalate the conflict. This is especially important in situations where there is a continuing relationship with companies in business. Thus, ADR contributes to economic inclusivity and to making South Africa an attractive environment for both local and international investment. In offering an expeditious and cost-free mechanism of resolving company disputes, the Tribunal saves costs associated with lost productivity and legal fees and as such increases access to justice and impacts positively on South African economy.

6.1.2. Outcomes and Explanation of the planned performance in relation to outputs

a) Registry – Administration of cases and records

The Registry function plays an integral role in the administration of cases and records management as follows:

• The administration of cases entails the development and implementation of policies and procedure for administration of cases through Case Management System including the co-ordination of hearings and communication of decisions to parties. • Records Management entails the preservation of institutional records and disposal of records in line with the approved file plan.

b) Adjudicated Applications

The Tribunal's performance on this output will be measured by the percentage of decisions and orders issued within 25 or 35 days depending on whether a case is decided on paper only or parties give evidence before the Tribunal. The longest targeted turn-around time for adjudication is 35 days. The planned annual performance in 2024/25 is 95%. This is intended to remain constant over the MTEF period due to system challenges and funding shortages experienced which in turn limit marketing.

c) Resolved disputes

The Tribunal's performance on this output will be measured by the percentage of cases finalised within 20 days in terms of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). Thus, the Tribunals' planned turn-around time for resolution of disputes is a shorter period than even that of adjudicated applications. The planned annual performance in 2024/25 is 95%. This is intended to remain constant over the MTEF period for reasons previously mentioned.

d) Optimal capacitating of the Tribunal (Recruitment, Training and development, Employee Wellness)

In the 2024/25 financial year, the Tribunal intends to focus on capacity building. Thus, capacity building is one of the Tribunal's outputs over the MTEF period. Capacity building strategies involve efforts to fill all critical and funded positions by recruiting skilled personnel to support the Tribunal in achieving its mandate.

The Tribunal's performance on this output will be measured through the percentage of the filled positions against the vacant and funded positions. The starting base in the 2023/24 financial year was 87%. For 2024/2025 financial year, the target will remain 87% as this is influence by the number of funded positions. This will translate to the vacancy rate of 13%. This target will change should there be budget to fill other critical positions.

e) Communications and Marketing – Increasing the parties accessing the Tribunal services

The mandate of the Tribunal is to offer adjudication and alternative dispute resolution to companies. Therefore, media engagements will be undertaken to create awareness of the Tribunal 's services. Furthermore, the Tribunal will participate in marketing and branding campaigns to exhibit its services to various stakeholders. In addition, outreach activities will be undertaken with the Ministry in municipalities, communities and schools, etc. The creation of public knowledge and interest around the mandate of the institution is paramount hence the need to partner with various stakeholders to take Tribunal services to the people.

From the financial year 2019/20 to 2022/23, the number of applications received by the Tribunal has been on a steady increase. For this reason, the Tribunal intends to mount a public awareness campaign as part of sustained efforts to educate the public and boost awareness about the Tribunal's mandate. The campaign will be a comprehensive effort that will, within the limited budget, include multiple components such as seminar with business formations, television and radio messaging, social media, grassroots outreach, media relations and government affairs. Furthermore, the Tribunal commissioned a study to investigate possible areas for legislative amendment. This output is therefore aimed at enhancing the Tribunal's operational efficiency in achieving its mandate.

The Tribunal's indicators on this output for 2024/25 financial year include hosting two (2) seminars, releasing twelve (12) media statements, (20) Outreaches with Ministry, government collaborative engagements, marketing, and branding campaigns. This output carries the greatest number of activities (indicators). This is so because, as stated above, since 2019/20, the number of cases received by the Tribunal has been on steady increase. In creating awareness of the Tribunal services, Communications and Marketing will ramp up its efforts to create public awareness and knowledge of Tribunals services.

f) Information Communication and Technology (ICT) – Establish and avail the optimal ICT infrastructure to enable an efficient and effective operations of the Companies Tribunal

The IT function plays an integral role in ensuring the smooth operation of an organization and contributes greatly on the following areas:

- Service Uptime: IT is responsible for making sure that the organization's systems and applications are constantly accessible to users. This involves maintaining and monitoring system performance, identifying and resolving problems that can result in downtime, and putting in place redundancy measures to lessen the effects of system failures.
- ICT Security: IT is responsible for preventing unauthorized access, theft, and damage to the organization's systems, data, and networks. This involves implementing security policies and processes into practice, monitoring suspicious activities on the network, and responding to security vulnerabilities and incidents.
- IT Continuity Plans are essential for ensuring that an organization can continue to function both during and after a disruptive event. IT plays a significant part in formulating and putting these plans into place. This includes determining the vital applications and systems, creating backup and recovery processes, and testing to ensure integrity and recoverability.
- Policy and Governance: IT oversees developing and implementing policies that regulate how the organization uses technology. As part of this, standards for data protection, appropriate use of organizational resources, and security best practices must be established. To guarantee that technology is employed efficiently to support business objectives, collaboration and approvals of relevant structures are established.

g) Legal – Governance, compliance and legal support

The Legal Services Division is responsible for managing all the Tribunal's litigation before the High Court, Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) and the Constitutional Court. The Division provides Legal advice and support to Management and Tribunal Members, it is further responsible for the provision and management of corporate governance, risk management and compliance in the Tribunal, providing legal advice and secretarial services to governance committees such as the Audit & Risk Committee and Remuneration Committee.

h) Office of the CFO- Sound financial planning, management, and reporting

The finance function is responsible for financial management and supply chain management.

- Financial management: This function ensures that there is sound internal controls around financial management. This includes but not limited to budgeting including MTEF (Medium Term Expenditure Framework) and ENE (Estimate of National Expenditure), Preparation of Monthly, Quarterly and Annual Financial Statements, management of income and expenditure, cash management, asset management and payroll services. Accurate and timeous financial reports will be produced throughout the financial year.
- Supply Chain Management (SCM) division: As per Treasury Regulations the SCM division should be established within the office of the CFO.
 The supply chain management will ensure that procurement processes are undertaken in line with the relevant regulations, PPPFA, PFMA and all National Treasury instruction notes and circulars.

7. **Program Resource Considerations**

7.1 Financial Plan

For the financial year 2024/25, the Tribunal based the budget estimate on the allocation letter received from the dtic. Although the allocation received reflects the baseline increase over the MTEF period, the Tribunal needs more funds to operate optimally. The Tribunal's organizational structure has been recently reviewed and there are positions which are not funded resulting in some units operating with one individual and that poses a risk to the organization's ability to fulfill its mandate. The Tribunal has plans to market the Tribunal fully so that its services are well known, however the marketing plan cannot be fully implemented due to lack of funds. The expected increase in the mandate of the Tribunal as a result of amendments of the Act is also expected to increase the case load therefore putting more pressure on the financial resources of the Tribunal.

The Tribunal believes that generating its own revenue through charging filing fees would offer part solution to the Tribunal challenges on liquidity. This process will however take some time to materialise due to extensive consultations and planning required. However, even the fees expected to be

generated from filling fees would not be enough to fund day to day operational and administrative expenditure of the Tribunal. This process also would also involve the amendment of the Companies Act.

The Tribunal 's major expenditure is on compensation of employees and Tribunal members' fees, with little surplus to fill additional post as approved on the organisational structure. Due to inadequate funding, the amount estimated for member's fees is inadequate as cases are expected to increase hence the funding for fees needs to be increased proportionally.

(i)	Projections of revenue and expenditure
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Medium-term estimate		
R thousand	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Revenue							
Non-tax revenue	368	151	524	635	664	691	722
Transfers received	20 752	20 313	24 529	28 202	29 497	30 706	32 088
Donations received/Revenue in-kind	1 854	2 039	2 243	2 468	2 714	2 986	3 284
Income from surplus funds	-	-	-	3 990	-	-	-
Total revenue	22 975	22 503	27 296	35 295	32 875	34 383	36 094
Expenses							
Current expenses							
Compensation of employees	12 979	13 553	14 921	18 638	19 298	20 068	20 971
Goods and services	7 906	10 777	9 863	16 388	13 262	13 986	14 779
Depreciation	193	213	195	269	315	329	344

Total expenses	21 078	24 543	24 979	35 295	32 875	34 383	36 094
Surplus/(Deficit)	1 897	(2 040)	2 317	-	-	-	-

(ii) Budget Allocation per Programme

Programme Name: Administration							
	Audited outcome			Revised estimate	Medium-term estimate)
Economic classification	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Current payment				•		•	
Compensation of employees	12 979	13 553	14 921	18 638	19 298	20 068	20 971
Goods & services, etc.	3132	6 947	5 863	12 210	8 789	9 262	9 856
Payments of capital assets		1		1	1	1 1	
Building and other fixed structure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Machinery & equipment	584	100	83	150	300	350	350

Programme Name: Adjudication							
Economic classification	Audited outcome			RevisedMedium-TermExpEstimatesEstimate		(penditure	
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
Current payment							
Member's fees	3 838	3 374	3 517	3 674	3 839	4 023	4 204
Goods and services	545	569	595	623	649	680	713
Payments of capital assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Building and other fixed structure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Machinery & equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

8. Key Risks

Outcomes	Key Risks	Risk Mitigation
Operational efficiency and effectiveness	1. Inadequate budget	1. Requests for retention of additional
		funding.
		2. Forward planning (re-prioritising)
		3. Propose legislative amendments on
		funding model

Improved access to justice	2. Adjudication & dispute resolution	1. Proposes legislative amendments for
	inefficiencies	expansion of CT's mandate
		2.Media profiling of Tribunal Members
		3.Conduct survey on mandate /services of the
		Tribunal
Operational efficiency and effectiveness	3. Inadequate Capacity building	1. Development of a Resource Plan including
		costing & budget allocation for critical
		vacancies.
	4. Marketing & communication inefficiencies	1. Partnership with other stakeholders
	(Limited marketing and advertising of	Social Media Platforms (Facebook and
	Tribunal's services)	Instagram)

9. Materiality and Significance of Framework

9.1 Statutory requirements

In terms of the Treasury Regulation 28.3.1, Accounting Authorities must "for purposes of material [section 55(2) of the Act] and significant [section 54(2) of the Act], develop and agree a framework of acceptable levels of materiality and significance with the relevant executive authority." The Tribunal is required by law to operate within the PFMA and its accompanying Treasury Regulations as a Schedule 3A public entity, the two above-mentioned sections of the Act are therefore very significant for operational and reporting purposes. Materiality and significance levels will be influenced by considerations such as legal and regulatory requirements.

9.2 Assessment and determination of materiality for the Tribunal

The Companies Tribunal has strengthened its control environment. This is evidenced by the fact that the Tribunal has been obtaining the clean audit over the past financial years. However, there are inherent risks associated with implementation of new unproven process, change in leadership as a result of appointment and resignation and/or retirement of staff and may result in lack of teamwork. The risks is however discounted by the unqualified audit report obtained by the Tribunal over the past financial years and the significance of the related audit findings. This therefore requires the entity to set the threshold at a reasonably conservative level of the Treasury guideline matrix.

The following guideline will be applied to the basis selected:

The best indicator with regard to the Tribunal's non-capital-intensive business activity is the higher of revenue or expenditure. For this reason, 0.60% of budgeted expenditure is chosen with regard to this framework, and this basis is consistent with prior years.

9.3 Annual review of materiality

The materiality framework and significance levels will be reviewed each financial year in line with the preparation of the annual performance plan by management based on the levels of risks and the adequacy of the internal controls and accounting systems.

Part D: Technical Indicator Descriptions (TID)

Programme 1: Adjudication

Outcome 1: Improved access to Justice system				
Indicator title	Percentage of decisions and orders ¹ issued on <u>opposed</u> applications			
	within 35 working days from the last set down or final submission by			
	parties, whichever is applicable			
Definition	This indicator tracks the percentage of decisions and orders issued			
	on opposed applications within 35 days from the last set down or			
	final submission by parties, whichever is applicable			
Source of data	Registry records			
Method of calculation / assessment	The number of decisions and orders issued within 35 days divided			
	by Total number of decisions and orders issued multiplied by 100			
Assumptions	Accurate record of decisions and orders issued by the Tribunal			
Disaggregation of beneficiaries	N/A ²			
(where applicable)				
Spatial transformation (where	N/A ³			
applicable)				
Desired performance	Reduce turnaround times in issuing decisions and orders			
Indicator responsibility	Registrar			

¹Decisions and orders issued are as prescribed by the Companies Act, 2008. Issued means formal communication of the decision and order to the client

² Only legal entities apply to the Tribunal. The current Application Form, CT 142, does not provide for details on disaggregation of beneficiaries/applicants (race, gender, and the geographic location). The request to amend the Form was sent to **dtic** in September 2022

³ Ibid.

Outcome 2: Improved access to Justic	ce system			
Indicator title	Percentage of decisions and orders issued on unopposed			
	applications within 25 working days from the last date of submission			
	by parties whichever is applicable			
Definition	This indicator tracks the percentage of decisions and orders issued			
	on unopposed applications within 25 days from the last set down or			
	final submission by parties, whichever is applicable			
Source of data	Registry records			
Method of calculation / assessment	The number of decisions and orders issued within 25 days divided			
	by total number of decisions and orders issued multiplied by 100			
Assumptions	Accurate record of decisions and orders issued by the Tribunal			
Disaggregation of beneficiaries	N/A ⁴			
(where applicable)				
Spatial transformation (where	N/A ⁵			
applicable)				
Desired performance	Reduce turnaround times in issuing decisions and orders			
Indicator responsibility	Registrar			

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⁵ Ibid.

Outcome 3: Improved access to Justice system					
Indicator title	Percentage of cases finalised ⁶ in terms of Alternative Dispute				
	Resolution (ADR) within 20 working days after the date of set down				
	or final submission by parties whichever is applicable				
Definition	This indicator tracks the percentage of ADR cases finalised within 20				
	days after date of set down or final submission by parties, whichever				
	is applicable				
Source of data	Registry records				
Method of calculation / assessment	The number of ADR cases finalised within 20 days divided by total				
	number of ADR cases finalised multiplied by 100				
Assumptions	Accurate record of ADR cases finalised				
Disaggregation of beneficiaries	N/A ⁷				
(where applicable)					
Spatial transformation (where	N/A ⁸				
applicable)					
Desired performance	Reduce turnaround times in issuing decisions and orders				
Indicator responsibility	Registrar				

⁶ Finalised refers to decision making and issuing of failed certificates, withdrawals and cancellations

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⁸ Ibid.

Programme 2: Administration

Outcome 1.1: Operational	Dutcome 1.1: Operational efficiency and effectiveness				
Indicator title	Percentage of critical positions filled on approved organisation structure				
Short definition	The percentage rate at which an employer attracts and loses employees.				
Purpose/importance	Ensure that the Tribunal has the right talent with the right skills at the right time. Retain scarce, critical, professional and technical skills and ensure the approved organisational structure is filled by at least 87%				
Source/collection of data	Excel spreadsheet with number of employees/ organogram				
Method of calculation/Assessment	The number of filled positions divided by the total number of positions as per the approved structure multiplied by 100				
Means of verification	Employee list per month				
Assumptions	The assumption is that HR will fill 87% of positions as per the approved structure based on previous experience.				
Disaggregation of Beneficiaries	Not applicable				
Spatial Transformation	Not Applicable				
Data limitations	None				
Type of indicator	Quantitative				
Calculation type Cumulative	(Year-End)				
Reporting cycle	Annually				

New indicator	No
Desired performance.	Retaining competent employees with the right skills at the right time
Indicator responsibility Executive Manager	Head: Human Resources and Facilities

Output 2.1: Research Repo	ort (Operational efficiency and effectiveness)
Indicator title	Number of research report produced
Short definition	Research on possible amendment of the Act
Purpose/importance	Research conducted on possible amendment to broaden the mandate of the
	Tribunal
Source/collection of	Research report produced
data	
Method of calculation	Manual counting of the research report against the target
Data limitations	Human error
Type of indicator	Quantitative – Output
Calculation type	Cumulative
Reporting cycle	Quarterly
New indicator	No
Desired performance	To enhance CT's capacity to deliver on its mandate in terms of section 195 of the
	Companies Act, 2008 in respect of adjudications and alternative dispute resolutions.
Indicator responsibility	Legal Manager

Outcome 3.1: Operational efficiency and effectiveness	
Indicator title	An unqualified opinion issued by the external auditors on the Annual Financial
	Statements by 31 August each year
Short definition	This means that our financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the
	financial position of the Tribunal as of 31 March
Purpose/importance	This is to ensure that a transparent financial management system is maintained.
	An audit opinion is issued by the External Auditors on 31 July of each financial year
Source/collection of data	based on annual financial statements submitted for audit purposes. The audit opinion is
	published with the financial statements in our annual report and is also saved on the
	records repository under organisational control and planning/Auditing
Method of	Performance is assessed by evaluation of audit opinion obtained
calculation/Assessment	
Means of verifications	External audit report
	Proper records of the financial affairs of the entity are maintained
Assumptions	Annual financial statements are prepared, approved and submitted to the External
	Auditors by 31 May each year
	Effective financial governance
Disaggregation of	Not applicable
Beneficiaries	
Spatial Transformation	Not applicable
Data limitations	Not applicable
Type of indicator	Qualitative
Calculation type	Non-Cumulative

Reporting cycle	Annually
New indicator	No
Desired performance	An unqualified audit opinion by the external auditors
Indicator responsibility	CFO and all Senior Managers

Output 4.1: Operational efficiency and effectiveness: Procurement	
Indicator title	Percentage preferential procurement from designated groups
Definition	The percentage of procurement spend on suppliers and service providers with B-
	BBEE level 1 to 4
Source of data	Payment analysis spreadsheet
Method of calculation or	Total amount of spending on suppliers and service providers with B-BBEE level 1 to 4
assessment	divided by the total spending for a financial year multiply by 100
Means of verification	Reports
Assumptions	Correctness of reports
Disaggregation of	N/A
beneficiaries	
Spatial transformation	N/A
Reporting cycle	Quarterly
Desired performance	70%

Indicator responsibility	CFO

Output 5.1: Stakeholder Engagements	
Indicator title	Number of outreaches with Ministry; governmental collaborative
	engagements Ministry, municipalities, communities, institutions of higher
	learning etc; marketing/ branding campaigns
Short definition	Participate in twenty (20) outreaches and/or exhibitions
Purpose/importance	To create awareness and educate the public about services of CT and promote a
	positive corporate image
Source/collection of data	Meeting reports and/or meeting recordings with attendance registers
Method of calculation	Manual counting of meeting reports and/or meeting records with attendance
	registers
Data limitations	Lack of resources (Human and Capital)
Type of indicator	Quantitative – Output
Calculation type	Cumulative
Reporting cycle	Quarterly
New indicator	No, continuous from previous year
Desired performance	Public awareness, accessibility, and stakeholder management
Indicator responsibility	Head Communications and Marketing

Output 5.2: Stakeholder Engagements	
Indicator title	Number of media engagements (media statements and radio activities)
Short definition	Release twelve (12) media statements in newspapers to create awareness of the
	services provided by the CT to the public and stakeholders by end of the year
	Participate in twelve (12) radio activities to create awareness and educate the
	public about services of the Companies Tribunal
	Release means to publish in newspaper(s)or online media
	Activities means interviews/advertisement or live reads
Purpose/importance	To create awareness and educate the public about services of CT and promote a
	positive corporate image
Source/collection of data	Media statements or advertorial
	Shared drive
	Radio clip or advertorial or letter from radio station confirming that the interview or
	advert took place.
Method of calculation	Manual counting of media statements or advertorials and radio clip or letters from
	radio stations.
Data limitations	Lack of resources (Human and Capital)
Type of indicator	Quantitative – Output
Calculation type	Cumulative
Reporting cycle	Quarterly
New indicator	No, continuous from previous year

Desired performance	Public awareness, accessibility and stakeholder management
Indicator responsibility	Head Communications and Marketing

Output 5.3: Leadership Excellence: Seminar	
Indicator title	Number of mid-year and end of year seminars held
Definition	The Number of seminars to be held for the Tribunal annually
Source of data	Host a seminar on a research topic
	Host means organize and present/ collaborate/ partner
Method of calculation or	Simple count
assessment	
Means of verification	Recordings of the seminar
Assumptions	Clarity of the recording
Disaggregation of	N/A
beneficiaries	
(where	
applicable)	
Spatial transformation	N/A
(where applicable)	
Reporting cycle	Bi-annually
Desired performance	2 annually
Indicator responsibility	Head: Communications & Marketing