

NOTICE 749 OF 2013

South African Reserve Bank

DESIGNATION NOTICE

Designation by the Governor of the South African Reserve Bank in terms of section 4A (4) of the National Payment System Act, 1998 (Act No. 78 of 1998) as amended:

DESIGNATION OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY INTEGRATED REGIONAL ELECTRONIC SETTLEMENT SYSTEM AS A DESIGNATED SETTLEMENT SYSTEM**1. Introduction**

The South African Reserve Bank ("Reserve Bank"), is empowered to designate a settlement system as a designated settlement system in terms of section 4A (4) of the National Payment System Act, 1998 (Act No. 78 of 1998), as amended ("the Act"). Such designation may be made if the designation is in the interest of the integrity, effectiveness, efficiency or security of the payment system.

The objective of this Designation Notice is to designate the Southern African Development Community ("SADC") Integrated Regional Electronic Settlement System ("SIRESS") as a designated settlement system and specify the Reserve Bank as the designated settlement system operator ("SIRESS Operator"). The designation will enable the SIRESS Operator to have a settlement account with the Reserve Bank, i.e., a real-time gross settlement account in the Reserve Bank's South African Multiple Option Settlement ("SAMOS") System.

2. SADC Integrated Regional Electronic Settlement System

- 2.1 The SADC Protocol on Finance and Investment provides for amongst others, cooperation on payment, clearing and settlement systems among SADC central banks.

- 2.2 In implementing co-operation on payment, clearing and settlement systems among SADC countries, the Reserve Bank, with the collaboration of some SADC countries has developed the SIRESS for the SADC regional clearing and settlement system.
- 2.3 SIRESS is an automated, real time gross, cross border settlement system for the SADC, provided to the SIRESS participants by the SIRESS Operator, including all the technical infrastructure and business components thereof.

3. Designation

The Reserve Bank has considered the provisions of the Act together with all other relevant factors and has deemed it to be in the interest of the integrity, effectiveness and security of the payment system to designate the SIRESS;

THEREFORE, I, Gill Marcus, Governor of the Reserve Bank, hereby, with effect from 22 July 2013

- (1) in terms of section 4A (4) of the Act read with section 4A (5) (a), designate the SIRESS as a designated settlement system for purposes of the Act; and
- (2) in terms of section 4A (5) (b), specify that the Reserve Bank shall be the operator of the SIRESS and shall function as the designated settlement system operator of the SIRESS.

4. Conditions

The Reserve Bank may vary or revoke the designation of the settlement system by notice in the Government Gazette.

Signed at PRETORIA on this 4TH day of JULY 2013.

Gill Marcus

Ms G Marcus

Governor of the South African Reserve Bank

