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MEDIA ADVISORY: 2009 MTBPS

The Minister of Finance Pravin Gordhan will present the Medium Term Budget to Policy Statement (MTBPS) to Parliament on 27 October 2009.

Lock-ups have been arranged both in Cape Town and Pretoria. The information contained in the documents will be under embargo until Minister Gordhan begins speaking in Parliament. To maintain the integrity of the lock-up arrangements, it is important that no information is leaked prior to the lifting of the embargo, as this would seriously jeopardise future arrangements for all concerned.

LOCK-UP ARRANGEMENTS

Cape Town: 100 Plein Street Building for PGA journalists and Imbizo Media Centre for non PGA members

Time: 06:00 (**and not 08:00 as in previous years**)

Pretoria: National Treasury Offices, 40 Church Square

Time: 08:00

(Please note that this will be an electronic lock-up with CD's of the MTBPS)

Journalists attending the Cape Town lock up are required to confirm their details with Lindani Mbunyuza (012 315 5645 or lindani.mbunyuza@treasury.gov.za), and those attending the Pretoria lock-up with Kershia Singh (012 315 5819 or Kershia.singh@treasury.gov.za) by no later than 19 October 2009. Journalists will also be expected to sign for the MTBPS documents on the day as proof that they accept and will comply with the conditions of the lock-up.

PLEASE NOTE

No communication whatsoever by journalists is allowed (including by telephone, e-mail or any other means) during the lock-up. We therefore recommend that journalists who will not be working on the MTBPS story work from elsewhere.

For access to Parliament for the speech and to broadcast from the Parliamentary precinct please send your details to erandall@parliament.gov.za

The lock-up will end only when Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan starts his address in Parliament.

All documentation will be available on www.treasury.gov.za at 14.00 on 27 October 2009.

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