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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

LOCK-UP RULES: BUDGET 2017

BY ENTERING THE LOCK-UP YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES;

- No communication, electronic or otherwise, will be allowed with those outside the lock-up. We therefore recommend that Parliament PGA journalists who will not be covering the Budget work from elsewhere.
- All office doors are to remain open at all times.
- Stories can be transmitted to editors ONLY from 13:00 (with full observation of the embargo).
- Cell phones and any other transmitting devices must be switched off, placed in an envelope and handed over to National Treasury officials.
- Security and ICT will be monitoring the lock-ups at all times.
- Journalists are requested NOT to bring tablets such as iPads to the lock-ups.
- Emails, faxes can therefore, not be sent or received. Landline phones must be off the hook and not be used under any circumstances.
- Any devices that have built-in modems or can transmit information including built-in 3G cards must be disabled.
- Nobody will be allowed to leave the lock-up **before the embargo is lifted. The embargo will be lifted when Minister says in Parliament, "I hereby table..."**
- A ministerial media briefing is scheduled for **11:00** (Imbizo media centre, 120 Plein Street, Cape Town). Journalists will be escorted to the venue.
- For those journalists in Pretoria, there will be a live streaming of the press conference from Cape Town. Journalists are requested not to take laptops to the streaming room.
- National Treasury officials will be available in case of any emergencies.

Photographers and broadcast journalists should note:

- **They will not have access to budget documents if they are not part of the lock-up**

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- **While they can attend the media briefing in mid-morning, they will not broadcast or communicate the contents of the Budget document in any form.**

Should any journalist or publication break the embargo the publication/TV station or journalist may be prevented from covering the subsequent budget and/or Medium Term Budget Policy Statement.

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