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MEDIA ADVISORY: BUDGET 2010

Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan will present the budget speech to Parliament on February 17 2010. Journalists will be given access to the documents in a media lock-up under police surveillance.

Lock-ups have been arranged in Cape Town and Pretoria. Leaks during the embargo are taken seriously and those found guilty may face severe consequences. Therefore the responsibility to ensure that the embargo is not broken is on journalists and editors. Information contained in the documents can only be published/aired once the embargo is lifted.

LOCK-UP ARRANGEMENTS

Cape Town: 100 Plein Street Building for PGA members and Imbizo media centre for non members

Time: 06:00

Pretoria: National Treasury Offices, 240 Vermeulen Street

Time: 08:00

Journalists must confirm their attendance and details by no later than Friday, February 5 2010. Those attending the Cape Town lock-up can confirm their details with Lindani Mbunyuza on (012) 315 5645 or lindani.mbunyuza@treasury.gov.za. Those attending the Pretoria lock-up can confirm details with Kershia Singh on (012) 315 5819 or kershia.singh@treasury.gov.za.

PLEASE NOTE

As no communication of any nature either by telephone, e-mail or any other means is allowed during the lock-up, we recommend that journalists who will not be working on the budget story, work from elsewhere.

Journalists should also note the following

- 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).

- Cellphones are to be **switched off**, placed in an envelope and **handed over** to National Treasury officials.
- **E-mails cannot be sent during the lock-up; landline telephones must be off the hook and should not be used under any circumstances.**
- You cannot use any device that can send out any form of communication;
- Nobody will be allowed to leave the lock-up **before the embargo is lifted.**
- A media conference to be addressed by the Finance Minister is scheduled for **10:30** (Imbizo media centre, 120 Plein Street, Cape Town). Journalists will be escorted to the venue.
- 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 when Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan starts his address in Parliament.

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