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Dear members

We trust that 2008 has been good to you so far and that the remainder of the year will be even better. We also invite your active participation in the SAFA seminars that are planned for 2008.

1. We set out below the dates for the first seminar for 2008:

Cape Town	-	22 April 2008
Johannesburg	-	17 April 2008

2. Topics

Dividends have been very much in the limelight during 2007 and 2008. Firstly, there were substantial changes to the “dividend” definition in the Income Tax Act, as well as related changes to STC. Secondly it was decided to replace STC with a dividend withholding tax. Our first seminar will be on “**Dividend taxes and related matters**”. How will the new dividend withholding tax work? What is the meaning of “closely held company”, which is a new term that will play a key role in the new withholding tax regime (and which will also be taxed at 40%, as opposed to the normal corporate rate of 28%)? How will section 64C and the restructuring rules in sections 41 to 47 be affected by the new tax? Under what circumstances will a shareholder reduce the cost of shares held in a company as a result of a distribution by that company? Etc.

We are still finalising the content of the discussion, so please inform us if you want us to include anything else or if you believe you can make a contribution in any manner to the discussion.

National Treasury has already agreed to participate in the seminar. We are in the process of identifying other speakers.

Dates, venues and booking details:

Date: 17 April 2008
Place: Johannesburg
 KPMG Auditorium, 85 Empire Road, Parktown
Time: 18h00 to 19h30
Topic: Dividend taxes and related matters
Speakers: National Treasury and others
Bookings: Tania.Bezuidenhout@kpmg.co.za Tel no: 011 - 647 5700

Date: 22 April 2008
Place: Cape Town
 PricewaterhouseCoopers, No 1 Waterhouse Place
 Century City
Time: 18h00 to 19h30
Topic: Dividend taxes and related matters
Speakers: National Treasury and others
Bookings: jolandie.james@za.pwc.com Tel no: 021- 529 2368

Provisional dates for the remaining seminars for 2008 are:

Johannesburg: 29 July 2008 and 27 November 2008

Cape Town: 31 July 2008 and 25 November 2008

2. We will shortly be sending out invoices for 2008 subscriptions. It was resolved at the Annual General meeting held on 31 July 2007 that members' subscriptions be increased due to seminar costs and the rising exchange rate of the Rand against the Euro. The subscriptions will be as follows:

Individual members R1,500.00 per annum

Corporate members R3,000.00 per annum

3. The IFA Congress this year is to be held in Brussels, Belgium (31 August - 5 September 2008)

For more information log onto the Congress Website: <http://www.ifa-belgium.eu>

4. Lastly we wish to welcome two new appointments to the Executive Committee:

Yanga Mputa - National Treasury
 Prof Jennifer Roeleveld - UCT

The existing members are:

Dr Charl du Toit - President
 Basil Newton - Secretary / Treasurer
 Bernard Sacks

Prof Emil Brincker
Prof Lynette Olivier
Marius van Blerck - Scientific Committee
Michael Honiball
Robyn De Kock - Scientific Committee

Ray Eskinazi stepped down last year, we thank him for his contribution in the past.

Lastly, we welcome suggestions from members regarding future topics for the remaining seminars.

Regards

Charl du Toit
President: SAFA