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## PROVINCIAL TREASURY CIRCULAR NO. 37 OF 2017

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THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 2: PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE (MR L MWALE)  
THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 3: PROVINCIAL TREASURY (MS NZ NKAMBA)  
THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 4: COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS  
(MR TP NYONI)  
THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 5: AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, LAND AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (MS SP XULU)  
THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 6: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM (MR MW MKHIZE)  
THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 7: EDUCATION (MS MOC MHLABANE)  
THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 8: PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND TRANSPORT  
(MR KM MOHLASEDI)  
THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 9: COMMUNITY SAFETY, SECURITY AND LIAISON  
(MR W MTHOMBOTHI)  
THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 10: HEALTH (DR S MOHANGI)  
THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER: VOTE 11: CULTURE, SPORT AND RECREATION (MR W MNISI)  
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THE CHIEF DIRECTORATE: FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE: PROVINCIAL TREASURY

## APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING CHAMPIONS FOR PAYMENT OF INVOICES

### 1. BACKGROUND

The inability to pay Suppliers/Creditors within the prescribed period of 30 days has dire implications on Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) and other businesses that supply government with goods and services.

The Provincial Treasury established a 30 Days Payment Monitoring Call Centre to address the challenges of late payment of suppliers by Government Institutions. The establishment of the Call Centre was communicated to all Accounting Officers in July 2016 through Provincial Treasury Circular No. 40 of 2016.

### 2. LEGISLATIVE MANDATE

Section 38(1)(f) of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), 1999 (Act No.1 of 1999) requires Accounting Officers of departments, trading entity and constitutional institution to settle all contractual obligations and pay all the money owing, including inter-governmental claims, within the prescribed or agreed period, which in this case is thirty (30) days after receipt of a valid invoice.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURE

This Circular serves to request all Accounting Officers to appoint an official who will serve as a Monitoring Champion for the 30 Days payment of invoices in order to enable better communication between Provincial Treasury's 30 Days Payment Monitoring Call Centre, Departments and Public Entities.

Currently the Call Centre, which monitors the 30 day payments, communicates with Departments and Public Entities through electronic mails and escalating letters to Accounting Officers and Executive Authorities but this approach has proven ineffective thus far. Most Departments and Public Entities do not attend nor respond to the electronic mails or letters. This has resulted in requiring the officials placed in the Call Centre to visit various institutions and even then these officials are sent around from Office to Office with no assistance in the end.

As per Provincial Treasury Circular No.40 of 2016, Accounting Officers are required to report to Provincial Treasury within seven working days from date of receipt of a complaint on the outcome of the complaint, this has until thus far proven ineffective.

The Accounting Officers are therefore requested to appoint an official, preferably on the level of a manager, who will serve as the point of contact between Provincial Treasury's Call Centre and Departments/Entities.


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It is requested that submissions be made to Provincial Treasury on or before **30 May 2017**.

Your co-operation is always appreciated.

Kind regards,

  
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**MS NZ NKAMBA**  
**HEAD: PROVINCIAL TREASURY**  
**DATE: 25/5 /2017**