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Empowering Supplier Status Change

We have heard rumours about the Empowering Supplier provisions for a couple of months. These include:

- Empowering Supplier status will be done away with; or
- additional criteria will be added to make it easier to become an Empowering Supplier

Government Gazette 40375 dated 28 October 2016 clarifies the issue. In summary, it states:

- all certificates, Affidavits and CIPC Certificates issued before 30 April 2016 will be recognised as an Empowering Supplier while the certificate is still valid.
- any entity measured on or after 01 May 2016 will be an automatic Empowering Supplier until further notice.

I have two concerns with this gazette:

- This Gazette was signed by the Minister on 01 September 2016, but only published on 28 October 2016, a delay of 2 months. Why the delay?
- The status of Empowering Supplier under the MAC and Tourism Sector Codes is unclear. Does this notice include gazetted Sector Codes? I am sure the intention is that it applies across the board, but the gazette does not state this clearly.

Existing Certificates

Companies that have received certificates after 01 May showing that they are not Empowering Suppliers should approach their verification agencies to have the certificate reissued.

Draft Construction Sector Code

At the same time the dti issued the Draft Construction Sector Code for comment for 60 days. A link to the Code is attached. Please let me have any comments.

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- [Empowering Supplier](#)
- [Construction Sector Code](#) (part 1 of 2)
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If you have any B-BBEE consulting needs, or need Global to calculate the targets discussed above, please contact either Charlene Skipp on charlene@globalbusiness.co.za (083 780 7209) or me on richard@globalbusiness.co.za (083 440 2130).

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