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## CIRCULAR 16 OF 2016: GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE INSTRUMENT FOR MEDICAL SCHEMES

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) continually through its functions endeavors to ensure that medical schemes are properly governed and that beneficiaries' interests are protected at all times. The CMS further strives to expand the capacity of trustees of medical schemes in fulfilling their fiduciary roles of corporate governance.

The CMS in collaboration with The Global Platform for Intellectual Property ("TGPIP") has developed the Governance & Compliance Instrument ("GCI").

The GCI is to be the mechanism for a complete, credible and standardised process that facilitates better governance and compliance management by the Board of Trustees (BoT) of Medical Schemes, as well as providing transparency and accountability of this to the Scheme's beneficiaries and the CMS.

The GCI is made up of such intellectual property as developed by the CMS as well as the Institute of Directors in Southern Africa ("IoDSA") to measure the level of governance and compliance by the BoT of Medical Schemes. The intellectual property is licensed to TGPIP.

The CMS encourages medical schemes to subscribe to the GCI in order to provide assurance as an alternative to the CMS needing to deploy inspection teams to schemes to obtain the levels of governance assurance sought.

To this end Nicolette Vorster and /or Michael Lasch from TGPIP will be contacting you directly to present the workings and related transactional relationship. Furthermore, the CMS in collaboration with TGPIP, will hold workshops in future to roll out and introduce the GCI.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Thapelo Metsileng (Senior Investigator) at the contact details provided above or TGPIP (Mr. Michael Lasch or Ms. Nicolette Vorster) at 011 317 3800 or [info@tgp.co.za](mailto:info@tgp.co.za), if you have any further queries or requirements.

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