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Sujet :Re: Donation to the Umhlatuzana Education Fund (delays in SARS approval due to the strike)

Date :Fri, 14 Oct 2022 15:02:29 +0200

De :Martin Bucher <m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com>

Pour :Peter J Myers <peter@atisasec.co.za>

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Hi Peter (and Nicole),

Thank you for your email.

We fully appreciate your need to a clear path toward completing Atisa's requirements for the 2022 exercise.

When we obtain our Section 18a certificate, we will inform you and Nicole, and thank you for your encouraging words regarding 2023. We will be preparing an annual report on the project for 2022 and will send you a copy, likely at the end of January.

The chair of the UEF Board of Directors Dorina Bowes went to the SARS office in Joburg this afternoon to see whether more information was available. She was told that the Section 18a certificate had not yet been issued but that all the needed documents were there. She was also told that the case had been referred to the Exemptions Unit on 28 September for processing. Ordinarily, according to the SARS consultant, the processing is completed within 21 days. This means when Deon Delport as the Representative Taxpayer/Public Officer has his telephonic appointment on 18 October, there is a good chance that the certificate will be ready or if not very shortly thereafter.

We also explored whether there was an option to cooperate with an organization already having PBO/Section 18a letter from SARS but have not yet come up with a viable alternative. We contacted the Ethembeni Crisis Care Centre, which was willing to help, but unfortunately when we looked at their letter from SARS, the public benefit activities did not include education. We are currently exploring whether the Rotary Club of Kloof can help. We heard that they have PBO/Section 18a status, but we do not yet know whether these include education.

If we do come up with a concrete and credible option, we will recontact you. As you can see we have been working assiduously to find a solution, but the delays are largely beyond our control.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes,

Martin

Le 13/10/2022 à 09:22, Peter J Myers a écrit :
Hi Martin,

Thank you for your email.

Unfortunately we have run out of time for our 2022 allocation as these funds now need to be urgently reallocated in order to comply with the necessary requirements we have for 2022.

However I assure you that we will look favourably on any application you may make for an allocation out of our 2023 budget which we will start considering in early 2023.

Kind regards

Peter J. Myers

Director

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On 12 Oct 2022, at 07:40, Martin Bucher <m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Peter and Nicole,

I am writing to update you regarding our efforts to obtain the Section 18a certificate, and more immediately set up Deon as the representative taxpayer and obtain electronic access for Strategic Audit to obtain information and transact for the UEF.

Deon went to the SARS office in Umhlangana on Monday, and the consultant copied a number of documents and arranged a telephonic appointment with a consultant for Tuesday, 18 October at 13:30.

We are obviously frustrated with this situation. We had hoped that the electronic access could have been straightened out straightaway, but Deon was told there was no alternative.

I am sorry for this situation and we request your patience. We are disappointed that our persistent efforts have not been more fruitful so far. We will revert to you early next week as soon as we have more information.

Best wishes,

Martin

Le 06/10/2022 à 09:44, Martin Bucher a écrit :

Dear Peter and Nicole,

Since receiving the email below, I have been diligently been following up with the SARS situation trying to obtain the decision of the PBO/Section 18A certificate for the Umhlatuzana Education Fund NPC (UEF).

The office of Ashvir Dhuki contacted SARS several times and were advised that SARS had all the needed documentation.

Deon Delport, who is the representative taxpayer and public officer of the UEF, in addition to being a Director and the Secretary of the company, executed a power of attorney to Strategic Audit so that they would be able to communicate with SARS directly.

Unfortunately, it seems that the UEF SARS electronic interface has been incorrectly set up, so that Deon has some of the permissions and Strategic Audit has others, with the end result that neither is able to transact or find out the information available there. In any case, the company is in part on Deon's SARS profile and has been entered into the SARS system.

Deon visited the Strategic Audit offices yesterday, and the conclusion was that Deon would have to go to the SARS office in person with ID to get this straightened out. This comes at a bad time, because this is something that Deon can only do being the representative taxpayer and public officer, and Deon has been displaced from his apartment by a fire. He will be able to go SARS possibly tomorrow and at the latest on Monday.

We will continue to push this matter diligently and as fast as we can, but I would like to inform you that we may need to ask for an extension of the 14 October deadline. We would like you to be aware of this situation in advance. We hope that there may be some flexibility if it is needed as we were relying on your company's generous contribution for 2022. I would like to stress that we have satisfied all the other conditions of the gift, namely the BBBEE requirements.

Many thanks for your consideration and I will contact you early next week with an update and hopefully some good news to share.

Best wishes,

Martin

Le 08/09/2022 à 11:15, Nicole Ramjee a écrit :
Dear Martin,

I trust you are well.

We trust you are making steady progress on the SARS 18A certificate.

Please note that should you be unable to present Atisa with the SARS 18A certificate by 14 October 2022, they will carry forward the commitment to support the Umhlatuzana Education Fund to the 2023 financial year.

I trust you understand.

Kind Regards

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From: Martin Bucher m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com

Date: Monday, August 1, 2022 at 2:53 PM

To: Peter J Myers peter@atisasec.co.za

Cc: Peggie Naidoo pmnaidoo@dmc.org.za, Nicole Ramjee nicole@hrsyn.co.za

Subject: Donation to the Umhlatuzana Education Fund (delays in SARS approval due to the strike)

Hi Peter (and Nicole),

I am writing to regarding your generous gift of 150 000 ZAR to our maths project.

We have diligently been trying to obtain the SARS Section 18a/PBO approval that Nicole explained would be needed by you, but the process is still pending because of the SARS strike. This application is being handled on our behalf by Ashvir Dhuki (CA/RA) and recently we have been asked for additional documents, which we have promptly provided.

Please find enclosed a letter from Ashvir concerning the status of our application to SARS and his professional opinion regarding its ultimate success. In his letter he states that he does not see any reason why the application would be denied.

We understand that the Section 18a certificate is essential to you, and Nicole indicated that you

would need this before transferring the funds to the Umhlatuzana Education Fund. However, given the SARS strike's impact on our pending application, we would like to request you to consider releasing the funds now.

We have a project bank account balance of approximately 30 000 ZAR from previous gifts, which is allowing us to continue operations, for the moment almost exclusively devoted to transporting the tutors. We are concerned about running out of cash and not being able to continue to deliver the project without interruption.

It would be extremely helpful if you could release the funds now. This would greatly help us deliver the project as planned.

Many thanks in advance for considering this request and for your support. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions, and Ashvir indicated that would also be happy to respond to any questions that you may have about the SARS process.

Warmest regards,

Martin

PS When we previously discussed one of your questions was whether we would be able to find other donors to cover the rest of our budget. Happily, we have obtained pledges totalling approximately 36,437.00 USD for the period 31 July 2022 through 31 July 2023. In addition to your generous contribution, most of the other pledges are from Rotary Clubs and Districts in South Africa and in the US. We can report that we have achieved our fundraising target for this period.

However, for the Rotary money to arrive, our application must be verified by the Rotary Foundation in the US, which will involve some delay. I enclose a semi-final copy of the application without the attachments. There are some pledges not listed for which we are still awaiting the final amounts.

PPS Our banking details can be found on our website

<https://umhlatuzana-education-fund.org/donations/>

Our company registration documents may be found on the following page (not linked from the main page)

<https://umhlatuzana-education-fund.org/documents/>

Le 15/06/2022 à 13:23, Peter J Myers a écrit :
Hi Martin,

Further to our earlier conversation - attached is a letter from Atisa

Kind regards

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On 14 Jun 2022, at 10:44, Martin Bucher <m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Peter

I could call you for example at 9:30am tomorrow. I have an appointment at 10:30am, so anytime before then works for me.

Best wishes

Martin

Le mar. 14 juin 2022 à 10:10, Peter Myers <pjm12@icloud.com> a écrit :
Hi Martin,

Can we rather chat tomorrow as I have a meeting this afternoon which may go on for quite a while. I am flexible as to time.

Kind regards

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On 14 Jun 2022, at 09:57, Martin Bucher <m.aaron.bucher@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Peter,

May I call you this afternoon for a quick chat? I would like to hear what you colleagues are thinking and also update you on our other fundraising efforts. Would late afternoon be convenient for you?

Best wishes,

Martin

Le 07/06/2022 à 11:23, Peter Myers a écrit :

Hi Martin,

Thank you for your email.

I am sure Nicole will be touch with you in due course.

We do not need to spend more than approx R120k pa to satisfy our BEE spend in the category which is applicable to your project. We are having an Exco meeting on Thursday to discuss all our potential commitments and I will raise the possibility of contributing more than the minimum required for our purposes. It appears from your email that you are looking to us to provide the entire budget for 2022 - however it would be very helpful if we knew that we were not the sole funders of the project and that other entities were also going to be contributing. A potential solution may be for us to fund a grade and for any additional grades to be funded by others.

I will communicate further with you after Thursday.

Kind regards,

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