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Good day sir /Madam

COMMENTS ON EXTERNAL CONFIRMATION FROM FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

General comments

- On the proposed documents, there is no mention of the turnaround time between the financial
 institutions and auditors on requesting and providing the requested information. Currently the TAT is 21
 working days and due to the complexity of the revised form, it would be beneficial for both parties (
 financial institution & auditors) to have extra added days of 6 days. This should be added on the
 memorandum.
- 2. The auditors sometimes request information on closed accounts and account in areas. How do the business recoup the standard charges

Note well: On assets and liabilities form there is column for accrued interest; ABSA could provide this information only from 2011 onwards only on straight periods and for odd period it will be available for the next period.

Issues for clarification

- The current template caters for both credit and debit interest on balance whether the balances are
 favourable or not to the client and the bank. In the new asset form (balance favourable to the client the
 form only requests the credit interests only. The same goes for the Liability form it does not show the
 credit interest.
- 2. The Asset and Liability form please indicate how these rates should be worked. Do we take the last one at the end of period or average as the interest rate fluctuates? Currently we provide the last rate on Investment accounts when it is closed within the 12month period. If not, we simply write vary. If no interest we insert zero interest rate. Can we have these interest rates left out due to fluctuations.
- The auditors should provide correct account numbers and type of account, if incorrect it be rejected and its re-sent the SLA will commence from the date the correct bank confirmation request was received.

Kind regards Lizeka Mankabane (011) 573 8300

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