

Office of the Governor

11 October 2010

*Dear Shareholder,*

**The South African Reserve Bank Act (No. 90 of 1989) and the Invitation  
by Mr M. Pretorius to a Proposed Shareholders Meeting**

The South African Reserve Bank (“Bank”) has taken note of the fact that Mr M. Pretorius, a shareholder of the Bank, has evidently invited designated shareholders of the Bank to attend a so called “shareholders meeting” on Saturday 30 October 2010 at Pembi Conference Centre, Boksburg, at which it is proposed that certain business, as recorded in Mr Pretorius’ letter to shareholders of 23 September 2010, be transacted.

While shareholders may choose to meet privately and unofficially to discuss whatever may be of interest or concern to them, whether relating to the affairs of the Bank or otherwise, the Bank however advises shareholders that the meeting to which certain shareholders have been invited by Mr Pretorius does not constitute any official form of shareholders meeting as contemplated and provided for in terms of The South African Reserve Bank Act (No. 90 of 1989) (“the Act”) and has not been convened in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the Act.

In the circumstances any “business” transacted at such meeting and any “proposal” adopted thereat, will not have been transacted or adopted at a properly convened official shareholders meeting of the Bank and will therefore be of no legal force or effect and not be binding on the Bank.

With regard to the proposed business to be transacted at the meeting, the essence of which may be ascribed to issues of self-interest (for example the proposal that 10 per cent of the profits of the Bank be distributed to shareholders annually), the Bank notes with regret that certain shareholders have again resorted to making unsubstantiated and unfounded allegations regarding mismanagement, corruption and theft. These allegations are viewed as scurrilous and are without foundation.

It is also necessary to record that the majority of the proposals to be put forward at the meeting do not relate to matters which are capable of being addressed at a shareholders meeting of the Bank, were such meeting to be convened in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

As shareholders, you will by now have received a copy of the annual report 2009/10, and we trust that you have found the content and the new format more user-friendly and useful. We have also advised you of the liaison meetings between the Bank and shareholders that will be held in Cape Town (25<sup>th</sup> October 2010), Pretoria on 23 November 2010 and Johannesburg (24<sup>th</sup> November 2010). These are opportunities for you, as shareholders, to raise any issues, concerns or suggestions directly with the Governor, and we urge you to take advantage of these opportunities to do so.

Shareholders are once again assured that the Board and Executives of the Bank are committed to managing the institution in accordance with recognised principles of corporate governance in the best interest of its stakeholders and the Republic of South Africa.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gill Marcus". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Gill Marcus**  
**Governor**