

14 October 2016

The Davis Tax Committee
Hatfield Gardens (Block A)
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By email: taxcom@sars.gov.za

Dear Tax Committee

RE: Call for written submissions on the funding of the National Health Insurance

SAMED - The South African Medical Device Industry Association - represents the interests of more than 180 South African medical device and *in-vitro* diagnostics (“IVD”) companies. SAMED’s vision is to develop a sustainable medical device industry by responsibly improving patient access to innovative health technology.

SAMED is committed to safeguarding and promoting the interests of its members, encouraging ethical principles and practices, promoting innovation and better patient outcomes and ensuring effective representation with all relevant parties whether public or private.

SAMED supports the policy objective of increasing access to healthcare and social security, as is constitutionally mandated, by means of reasonable legislative and other measures.

Although SAMED is not an expert in tax funding models we wish to draw the committee’s attention to our previous submissions on NHI as we believe they may hold relevance to the development of a funding model for the NHI. In particular we draw your attention to the lack of regulatory oversight of our industry at present and the various reimbursement and procurement challenges our industry sector faces. Please find submissions attached.

We would be happy to meet with you and your team to discuss the above.

Yours sincerely
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