

BBBEE Certificates for exempted micro Enterprises

The Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry (*the dti*), Mr Mzwandile Masina formally launched a system of application of Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) certificates through the Companies Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC) self-service terminals, on the 14th of April 2015.

The new service will enable CIPC customers who are registering private companies through the terminals to also apply for B-BBEE certificates at the end of the company registration transaction or when they file their CIPC annual returns. Through this process, the B-BBEE certificates will be issued for free to registrants.

The service is available to micro enterprises with a turnover of R1 million-R10 million.

In terms of the BEE Act, exempted micro enterprises are allowed to use an **affidavit** as a means to confirm their BEE status. *the dti* has developed a sample of an affidavit, which can be filled and presented to a commissioner of oaths.