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SIGNING OF MOU – STERN WARNING TO ILLICIT TRADERS IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Combined efforts in combating illicit trade in tobacco products between South Africa and the Mozambican Revenue Authority will substantially be strengthened by the signing of an MoU between the Mozambican Revenue Authority (Alfandegas) and The Tobacco Institute of Southern Africa today in Maputo.

The signing of this MoU today will facilitate closer cooperation which will benefit Mozambique, South Africa and the region in the combat against illicit trade in tobacco products. TISA commends the MRA for their tireless efforts in this fight against illicit trade and we express our gratitude to the President of the Revenue Authority and his team for their dedication and their willingness to cooperate with TISA in this way. Only by working together in a public private partnership can we successfully bring illicit traders to book.

Statement issued by TISA CEO Mr Francois van der Merwe

NOTE TO EDITORS:

The Tobacco Institute of Southern Africa (TISA) is the industry body for the tobacco industry in South Africa and our mandate extends into the Southern African region. TISA represents tobacco farmers, leaf dealers, manufacturers, exporters and importers of tobacco products.

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