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25 May	Infected deals: M&A in times of Covid-19	Webinar	View here.
27 May	Locking the deal-making gates: the world turns protectionist	Webinar	View here.
29 May	Being a young partner or a senior associate in times of Covid-19: first sacrificial offering - or big opportunity?	Webinar	View here.

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AGRICULTURE

Media Release

Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. Minister Thoko Didiza announces way forward on closure of Coronavirus COVID-19 intervention application process. 29 April 2020.

“The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Ms Thoko Didiza, is pleased to announce that by the closing date of applications for the COVID-19 intervention, 42 444 application forms were received against the number of 34 612 forms distributed. It must be noted that the difference in the number of forms distributed is the result of additional means of distribution being used, such as social media platforms; downloads from the website; farmers sharing forms among themselves; and forms distributed by famer organisations and social partners. The Minister is pleased to announce that the overall rate of returned forms is 123%. Given the short space of time due to the urgency of this intervention, the Minister is satisfied with the response by small-scale and communal farmers.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-thoko-didiza-announces-way-forward-closure-coronavirus-covid-19-intervention>

Media Statement

SA Government News Agency. All sectors of agriculture to operate.

2020 Apr 29 SA News

“All agricultural sectors will be allowed to operate - however, under strict conditions - under Level 4 of the nationwide lockdown aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19. Addressing a media briefing on Wednesday in Pretoria, Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, Thoko Didiza, said agriculture has been an essential service and has been operating on Level 5, but not all of it has been operating. Last week, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced the easing of lockdown restrictions from the beginning of May. “We are allowing all of the sectors of agriculture to operate under strict conditions. We are going to open for exports of all agriculture, not only the wine makers but also Amarula, wool and other synthetic products for agriculture,” the Minister said.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/all-sectors-agriculture-operate>

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COMPETITION

Media Release

Competition Commission. A national pharmaceutical wholesale distributor and retailer charged for inflating prices during Covid-19 disaster 23 April 2020.

“This referral follows an investigation by the Commission which found that that Dis-Chem has charged excessive prices on essential hygienic goods to the detriment of customers and consumers in contravention of Section 8(1)(a) of the Competition Act.”

<http://www.compcom.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/A-NATIONAL-PHARMACEUTICAL-WHOLESALE-DISTRIBUTOR-AND-RETAILER-CHARGED-FOR-INFALTING-PRICES-DURING-COVID-19-DISASTER-.pdf>

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CONFIRMED CASES

Media Releases

Department of Health. Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms total of 4 996 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 28 April 2020.

“The total number of people screened to date is 6 093 502. The total number of tests conducted both in public and private sector is 185 497. Total confirmed Covid-19 Cases: 4996; Gauteng: 1377; Western Cape: 1870; Kwazulu – Natal: 919; Eastern Cape: 616; Free State: 113; Limpopo: 31; North West: 29; Mpumalanga: 24; and Northern Cape: 17. Case Management: Active cases: 2830; Total no of patients hospitalised: 395; Total no of patients recovered: 2073; and total no of deaths: 93.

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-total-4-996-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-28-apr-2020-0000>

Department of Health. Minister Zweli Mkhize confirms total of 5 350 cases of Coronavirus COVID-19. 29 April 2020.

“As at today, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in South Africa is 5 350, an increase of 354 cases from yesterday. This is the highest number of cases in a 24-hour cycle recorded to date and represents a 73% increase relative to the day before. The provincial breakdown is as follows: Eastern Cape: 630; Free State: 113; Gauteng: 1408; KwaZulu-Natal: 956; Limpopo: 31; Mpumalanga: 31; North West: 29; Northern Cape: 17; Western Cape: 2135; Unknown: 0; and total: 5350. Regrettably, we report a further 10 deaths today from Gauteng, Western Cape, KwaZulu Natal and Eastern Cape. This brings the total number of COVID-19 related deaths to 103.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-zweli-mkhize-confirms-total-5-350-cases-coronavirus-covid-19-29-apr-2020-0000>

North West Health. North West health releases Coronavirus COVID-19 statistics. 29 April 2020.

“The total number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in the North West Province as announced by Minister of Health Dr. Zweli Mkhize on Tuesday, 28 April 2020 is 29.

The breakdown of cases is as follows: Rustenburg: 15; Hartebeespoort: 4; Brits: 2; Klerksdorp: 2; Potchefstroom: 3; Mahikeng: 2; Bloemhof: 1; and Unallocated: 0. Reallocated cases: Two COVID-19 cases which were previously allocated to Klerksdorp have been reallocated to Potchefstroom. Recoveries: Sixteen COVID-19 confirmed positive persons have recovered. Thirteen recovered persons are in Bojanala District, two in Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District and one in Ngaka Modiri Molema District.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/north-west-health-releases-coronavirus-covid-19-statistics-29-apr-2020-0000>

Western Cape Office of the Premier. Premier Alan Winde on COVID-19 Coronavirus cases in Western Cape. 29 April 2020.

“As of 17h00 on 28 April, the Western Cape has recorded 1935 confirmed cases of COVID-19 infection.

- Total confirmed COVID-19 cases: 1935;
- Total recoveries: 624;
- Total deaths: 38;
- Total active cases (currently infected patients): 1273;
- Total number of tests: 30803; and
- Patients in hospital: 84 with 26 in ICU.

The Western Cape has recorded another three deaths- two men, aged 78 and 67, and a 79-year old woman- all with underlying illnesses. This brings the total number of deaths in the province to 38. We send our condolences to the family and friends of the deceased at this difficult time.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/premier-alan-winde-covid-19-coronavirus-cases-western-cape-29-apr-2020-0000>

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Media Release

Parliament. It is impractical to practise social distancing in correctional centres - committees hear, 29 April 2020.

“A joint meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services, and the Select Committee on Security and Justice today heard that the implementation of social distancing as part of the basic strategies to curb the spread of Covid-19 pandemic is impossible at most correctional centres around the country as they are overcrowded. ... All we can do is to practise good hygiene like washing and cleaning of hands regularly,” said Mr Lamola.

The committees heard that 128 cases of infections in four provinces have so far been noted in correctional facilities and that includes officials and inmates. “Protective gear and sanitising products were a challenge in the beginning. We informed the centres that as they have sewing machines they can produce their own cloth masks. Over 17 000 masks have been produced already,” added Mr Lamola.”

<https://www.parliament.gov.za/press-releases/it-impractical-practise-social-distancing-correctional-centres-committees-hear>

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COURTS

Directive

Judge President's Directive (17 April Revised Directive)

Revised supplementary directive dated 24 April 2020 in re Court Operations in the PRETORIA and JOHANNESBURG HIGH COURTS during the extended COVID-19 national lockdown and for the remainder of term 2/2020.

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CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

Media Release

Western Cape Community Safety. Western Cape Community Safety on non-compliance of liquor traders during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 29 April 2020.

"The Western Cape Liquor Authority (WCLA) have conducted 37 investigations on matters of non-compliance with the National Disaster Regulations whereby liquor traders sold alcohol during the lockdown period. Of the 37 investigations conducted, 14 liquor licenses have now been suspended and 19 reports are being prepared for the Liquor Licensing Tribunal's (LLT) consideration. The Minister of Community Safety, Albert Fritz, has reiterated his stern warning that any liquor vendor operating during the lockdown will be eligible for a fine and may lose their license, subject to an investigation."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-community-safety-non-compliance-liquor-traders-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

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EDUCATION

Government Gazette

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Directions issued by Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation in terms of Regulation 10(8) of the Regulations made under Section 27(2) of the Act, measures to prevent and combat the spread of Covid-19: Amendment of [GN468 in GG 43237 of 17 April 2020](#).

The purpose of the directions is to:

- prescribe temporary measures to manage the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown on the functionality of institutions in the higher education and training, and science, technology and innovation sectors.
- ensure the procurement and delivery of essential goods and services for institutions in the higher education and training, and science, technology and innovation sectors.

RGN478 GG 43255 p3 29Apr2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43255_29-04_HighEduTrain.pdf

Media Releases

Parliament. A joint meeting of the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education, and the Select Committee on Education and Technology, Sports, Arts and Culture, today heard that schooling is likely to start incrementally as of 6 May 2020. 29 April 2020.

"The Department of Basic Education (DBE) told the committees that it plans to start schooling next week with Grade 12 and Grade 7 as they are the exit grades and also have less numbers. Grade 11 and Grade 6 will follow two weeks later on 20 May, followed by Grade 10 and Grade 5 on 3 June, Grade 9 and Grade 4 will follow on 17 June, Grade 8 and Grade 3 on 1 July, Grade 2 and Grade 1 on 8 July, and Grade R on 15 July. This will allow the country to get ready and most likely also lead the country to move to a lower level regarding the Covid-19 lockdown. This was, however, subject to guidance by the committees."

<https://www.parliament.gov.za/press-releases/education-committees-commend-plans-education-department-and-will-monitor-them-closely>

Western Cape Education. Western Cape Education on opening of schools after Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 29 April 2020.

"Western Cape learners will not return to school next week. In a presentation to national parliament today, the Department of Basic Education made a presentation with tentative dates for the reopening of schools across the country. These dates were not definite and do not constitute an official announcement. This has caused an understandable level of confusion and anxiety for schools, teachers and parents. The national Minister of Basic Education is scheduled to make an announcement tomorrow morning on the plan to reopen schools, and we will only

be in a position to comment in more detail after that. However, we will not be in a position to receive learners next week.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-education-opening-schools-after-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-29-apr-2020-0000>

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EMPLOYMENT LAW

Government Gazette

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Directive by Minister of Employment and Labour in terms of Regulation 10(8) of Regulations issued in terms of section 27(2): Covid-19 Occupational Health and Safety Measures in Workplaces Covid-19 (C19 OHS), 2020.

GN479 GG43257 p3 29Apr2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43257_29-04_Labour.pdf

Media Release

Department of Employment and Labour. Employment and Labour on improved UIF systems paying out more than R5-billion during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 28 April 2020.

“In its quest for continual improvement and to deliver efficiently and effectively to its customers, the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) has tweaked its systems to ensure that more pertinent information is available on its online platform. The Fund released the following upgrades to their systems:

- Employers, employees and organised labour will now be able to see which companies have been paid. This is in respect to a number of queries where workers have been unable to determine if their companies have applied for and received payment on their behalf from the Department of Employment and Labour COVID-19 TERS scheme. This relieves the overwhelmed call centre as information is available on the fingertips;
- Employers will be able to log and check the status of their claims;
- Employers will also be able to see the schedule of the approved claim which shows how much is due to each employee. Again, employers have inundated the UIF with requests for information on the exact amounts for different employees; and
- Employers who do not know their UIF reference number but know their PAYE can now retrieve the UIF number by using their PAYE number.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/employment-and-labour-improved-uif-systems-paying-out-more-r5-billion-during-coronavirus>

Media Statements

SA Government News Agency. How to access R350 COVID-19 grant.

2020 Apr 29 SA News

“Government has outlined the process for the application of the COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant for individuals who are currently unemployed. Addressing a media briefing on Wednesday in Pretoria, Social Development Minister Lindiwe Zulu said the qualifying applicants will be paid R350 per month from May – October 2020. The grant forms part of the R500 billion economic and social relief measures announced by the President last week, as part of the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic. “The Special COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress Grant will be implemented in terms of the existing avenue provided for by the Social Relief of Distress (SRD) channel, which is administered in accordance with the provisions as set in the Social Assistance Act, 2004,” the Minister said.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/how-access-r350-covid-19-grant>

SA Government News Agency. Industries urged to gear up for the return of workers.

2020 Apr 29 SA News

“With over 70 000 submissions in just 48 hours government announced new regulations that will see several industries return to work come May 1st. “The purpose of the new approach is to align or balance the level of openness in the economy and social activities with the level of risk to enable us to restart or increase as many activities as possible given the health risk. “The main point is to save lives and as many lives as possible and avoid the personal devastation of losing loved ones too early and when it is avoidable,” said Patel. The easing of the lockdown follows the President’s announcement that the country will move to level 4 which means that the level of infections continues to remain high and health systems are not fully geared up to support influx of patients... Under level 4, the manufacturing sector will expand and include the re-opening of more factories and workplaces with 30% of workers returning to work in a phased approach.”

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/industries-urged-gear-return-workers>

SA Government News Agency. UIF payments reach R5 billion.

2020 Apr 29 SA News

“The Employment and Labour Department has expressed satisfaction at the Unemployment Insurance Fund’s disbursement of R5 billion in relief to workers affected by the COVID-19 outbreak lockdown. This comes after the

department said it has tweaked its systems to ensure that more pertinent information is available on its online platform for it to operate more efficiently. According to Employment and Labour spokesperson Teboho Thejane, the department upgraded the system to allow employers, employees and organised labour to monitor which companies have been paid. "This is in respect to several queries where workers have been unable to determine if their companies have applied for and received payment on their behalf from the Department of Employment and Labour COVID-19 Employer/Employee Relief Scheme (TERS)," he said."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/uif-payments-reach-r5-billion>

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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Media Release

KwaZulu-Natal Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs. MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube conducts mass informal settlements sanitisation programme in uThukela District, 30 Apr. 29 April 2020.

"As the Province accelerates its efforts to flatten the Covid-19 curve, KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Nomusa Dube-Ncube will also embark on a mass informal settlements sanitisation in the uThukela District at the Alfred Duma Local Municipality. The move is part of an intensive programme to sanitise informal settlements which continue to pose a high risk since the virus thrives in conditions where people live in density. Dube-Ncube is the uThukela District MEC Champion under Operation Sukuma Sakhe. The Covid-19 Informal Settlements Sanitisation Programme is aimed at flattening the spread of the virus in densely populated communities."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-nomusa-dube-ncube-conducts-mass-informal-settlements-sanitisation-programme-uthukela>

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FINANCIAL LAW

Media Release

The Presidency. President Cyril Ramaphosa convenes virtual meeting with AU Regional Executive Communities Chairs, 29 Apr. 29 April 2020.

"President Cyril Ramaphosa will, as Chair of the African Union (AU), convene a virtual meeting with the Chairpersons of the AU Regional Economic Communities (RECs) today, Wednesday, 29 April 2020. The meeting will provide the Chairs with an update on the steps undertaken by the AU Bureau to combat the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These steps include the establishing the Africa COVID-19 Response Fund. The meeting is held against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has resulted in over two hundred thousand deaths and more than 3 million infections globally."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/president-cyril-ramaphosa-convenes-virtual-meeting-au-regional-executive-communities-chairs>

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LOCKDOWN REGULATIONS

Government Gazette

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Regulations issued in terms of section 27(2). The regulations published by GN318 of 18 March 2020, as amended by RGN398 of 25 March 2020, RGN419 of 26 March 2020, RGN446 of 2 April 2020, RGN465 of 16 April 2020 and RGN471 of 20 April 2020, are hereby repealed.

RGN480 GG 43258 p3 29Apr2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43258_29-04_Cogta.pdf

Media Release

Parliament of South Africa. Police briefs Parliament on enforcement of Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown regulations, 29 Apr 2020.

"The Portfolio Committee on Police, and the Select Committee on Security and Justice will tomorrow, 29 April 2020, host a virtual meeting to get an update from the Ministry of Police and senior leadership of both the South African Police Service (SAPS) and the Independent Police Investigative Directorate (IPID) on the enforcement of the State of National Disaster Regulations, as declared by President Cyril Ramaphosa. The meeting follows a commitment by the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Police to call a joint meeting aimed at considering various issues around the lockdown, which have been concerning. The main issue to be considered will be the reports of abuse of power by members of the South African Police Service in the course of enforcing the lockdown regulations. Furthermore, the committee will receive a progress report on the enforcement of the lockdown regulations by the SAPS."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/police-briefs-parliament-enforcement-coronavirus-covid-19-lockdown-regulations-29-apr-29>

Media Statement

SA Government News Agency. SA's level 4: the new normal.

2020 Apr 29 SA News

"While some will now breathe a sigh of relief that their lives will slowly return to normalcy, the road ahead is still steeped with sacrifices and curfews that need to be obeyed. The country may be moving to less harsh lockdown restrictions, but government says this is no call for a free reign for all and still expects people to stay at home. During a press briefing on Wednesday, it emerged that people will from Friday be permitted a once-off movement from one province to another. From May 1, as the country kicks off level 4 COVID-19 lockdown regulations, 1.5 million workers will return to work posts as will fitness junkies, who will resume training regimens, albeit under strict conditions."

<https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/sas-level-4-new-normal>

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MEDICAL LAW

Media Releases

North West Health. MEC Madoda Sambatha leads Mass Screening and Testing Campaign in Khuma and Vaal Vaalreefs, 30 Apr. 29 April 2020.

"The intensified Mass Screening and Testing Campaign continues to gain momentum in the North West Province. With the Province approaching the 600 000 mark for people screened and over 500 tested the Province is moving with speed to reach all the citizens. To this effect the North West Health MEC Madoda Sambatha will lead the Door to Door Mass Screening at Randlespark, Khuma (Siza Bantu) and Vaalreefs at Umziumuhle in Matlosana."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/mec-madoda-sambatha-leads-mass-screening-and-testing-campaign-khuma-and-vaal-vaalreefs-30>

North West Health. North West on COVID-19 Coronavirus quarantine and isolation. 29 April 2020.

"The North West Department of Health wishes to further put into perspective the issue of quarantine and isolation in the Province. In order to ensure adequate management of COVID-19, the Department has developed the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on Quarantine and Isolation which provides this clarification and it's unambiguous. The SOP details procedures which are to be followed for quarantine and isolation with the sole purpose of curbing the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19) in the North West Province. The Province's SOP on COVID-19 clearly defines quarantine as a means of separating asymptomatic persons who have been exposed to a confirmed case or who are suspected to be in contact with a confirmed case. On the other hand, isolation is the act of separating a sick individual with a contagious disease from healthy individuals."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/north-west-covid-19-coronavirus-quarantine-and-isolation-29-apr-2020-0000>

Western Cape Provincial Government. Western Cape turns CTICC into 800 bed Coronavirus COVID-19 hospital. 29 April 2020.

"Today, the Western Cape Cabinet agreed to use the CTICC as a temporary COVID-19 hospital, creating the capacity for us to care for an additional 800 people at the peak of the pandemic. Globally, we have seen healthcare resources being placed under severe pressure as a result of COVID-19. The Western Cape's scenario planning has predicted a shortfall of 1000 acute beds in the province at the peak of the pandemic. The use of the CTICC will allow us to make up the majority of this shortfall- and allow us to render care to those who need it. We intend to make up the remainder of the shortfall with temporary beds in other facilities, in appropriate geographic locations."

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/western-cape-turns-cticc-800-bed-coronavirus-covid-19-hospital-29-apr-2020-0000>

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MINING LAW

Government Gazette

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Directions issued in terms of the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy in terms of Regulation 10 (8) of the Regulations issued in terms of Section 27 (2) of the Act: Measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 and Measures for the protection and safety of persons.

GenN250 GG 43256 p3 29Apr2020

http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Gazettes/Gazettes/43256_29-04_MinResources.pdf

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SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Media Releases

Department of Environmental Affairs, Forestry and Fisheries. Deputy Minister Makhotso Sotyu delivers food hampers and water tanks in response to COVID-19 Coronavirus. 29 April 2020.

“The Deputy Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries Ms Makhotso Magdeline Sotyu accompanied by Free State MEC for Economic and Small Business Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Mr. Makalo Mohale will, as part of the South African National Parks response to Covid-19, deliver food hampers and water tanks to communities living in areas adjacent to the Golden Gate Highlands National Park on Thursday 30 April 2020. In Golden Gate Highlands; the targeted beneficiaries include the QwaQwa Land claimants (Dithabeng CPA), Kestell, Clarens and the communities falling under Batlokoa & Bakoena Tribal Authorities. A total of 250 households will receive the food parcels.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/deputy-minister-makhotso-sotyu-delivers-food-hampers-and-water-tanks-response-covid-19>

Department of Human Settlements. Minister Lindiwe Sisulu on government's response to Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. 29 April 2020.

“As government we have stressed that apart from washing hands frequently with water and soap, our citizens need to practice social distancing. From the very beginning my departments realised that this was not practical for informal settlements. We therefore came up with re-blocking as a solution (what we initially called de-densification). We've joined up with Civil Society Organisations to resettle residents from extremely dense informal settlements to 27 land parcels we identified and are currently preparing for resettlements. The National Department of Human Settlements has allocated R4, 6 billion from the Human Settlements Development Grant and the Urban Settlements Development Grant in the current financial year for this programme.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-lindiwe-sisulu-government%E2%80%99s-response-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-29-apr-2020>

Disaster Management / Social development. Minister Lindiwe Zulu: Coronavirus COVID-19 economic and social measures. 29 April 2020.

“Allow me to elaborate and provide context. In his speech on 27 April 2020, President Ramaphosa, framed South Africa's fight against COVID-19 as a collective societal mission. The President summons every South African to rise to the challenge of protecting our collective interests and wellbeing: especially where these concern the country's senior citizens, women, youth and persons with disabilities in our respective communities... The advent of the CoVID-19 pandemic will result in irreversible changes in our daily lives for many years to come. It is precisely for this reason that, as announced by the President, our government is investing up to ten percent (10%) of South Africa's gross domestic product (GDP) to CoVID-19-targeted economic and social recovery measures. In arriving at this decision, the National Command Council (NCC) on CoVID19 had an explicit interest to cushion poor and vulnerable South Africans from the impact of the pandemic and its aftershocks.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-lindiwe-zulu-coronavirus-covid-19-economic-and-social-measures-29-apr-2020-0000>

Western Cape Economic Development and Tourism. Finance and Economic Opportunities thanks Business Process Outsourcing sector for their support during Coronavirus COVID-19 crisis. 29 April 2020.

“We'd like to thank the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) sector for their support during the Covid-19 crisis following their quick response to our request for assistance, after the Western Cape Government's call centre was overwhelmed with calls from the public looking for assistance at the start of the nation-wide lockdown. We approached the not-for-profit BPO industry association, Business Process Enabling South Africa (BPESA) Western Cape, for help after our call centres started receiving an unprecedented number of calls following the commencement of the Covid-19 lockdown, increasing to almost 14,000 calls per day from previously only receiving around a few hundred calls per day.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/finance-and-economic-opportunities-thanks-business-process-outsourcing-sector-their-support>

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STATISTICS

Media Release

Statistics South Africa. Statistics South Africa uses telephonic data collection for Quarterly Labour Force Survey (Q2) 2020. 29 April 2020.

“The lockdown and progression of the pandemic resulted in the discontinuation of face-to-face data collection on 19 March 2020. Further to this, Statistics South Africa's (Stats SA) Executive Committee took a decision to suspend face-to-face data collection after the lockdown is lifted. Data collection for Quarter 2 of the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) will therefore be done telephonically, using the Computer Assisted Telephonic Interview (CATI) methodology. The delay in the start of data collection for Quarter 2 of this survey, resulting from the extension of the national lockdown, will result in a delay in the publication of the QLFS Quarter 2 report. The last two weeks of data collection for the Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS) for Quarter 1 of 2020 (January to March) was disrupted due to discontinued fieldwork.”

TAXATION

Treasury Instructions

National Treasury Instruction 5 of 2020/21. Emergency procurement in response to national state of disaster. 28 April 2020.

Instruction: http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2020/Instruction%205.pdf

Annexure A: Covid-19 Personal Protective Equipment Price List:

http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2020/Annexure%20A%20-%20PPE%20Price%20List.pdf

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TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Recommended Guideline

Department of Trade and Industry. Recommended Guidelines – Fabric face masks manufactured by South Africa's clothing and textile manufacturing industry for general public use. 24 April 2020.

[http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2020/Annexure%20B%20-](http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2020/Annexure%20B%20-%20Recommended%20Guidelines%20Fabric%20Face%20Masks%20RSA%20DTIC.pdf)

[%20Recommended%20Guidelines%20Fabric%20Face%20Masks%20RSA%20DTIC.pdf](http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2020/Annexure%20B%20-%20Recommended%20Guidelines%20Fabric%20Face%20Masks%20RSA%20DTIC.pdf)

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WATER AND SANITATION

Media Release

Department of Water and Sanitation. Water and Sanitation delivers water to North West households during Coronavirus COVID-19 lockdown. 29 April 2020.

“The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), North West region continues to deliver water to areas that have water supply challenges in a bid to heed the Presidential call of ensuring that citizens receive basic services in the fight against COVID-19. Over 87 785 households identified from the four district municipalities in the North West receive water through 725 water tanks and 50 water trucks which have been distributed to store and provide water to these households... A further 5000 packages consisting of sanitizers, bar soaps, gloves, masks and bleach have been delivered and will soon be distributed to identified needy households, informal settlements and orphanages across the four district municipalities in the North West to flatten the curve of the COVID-19.”

<https://www.gov.za/speeches/water-and-sanitation-delivers-water-north-west-households-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

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