

24 March 2020

URGENT ADVISORY - CORONAVIRUS DISEASE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

The South African Forum of Civil Engineering Contractors (SAFCEC) takes note of President Cyril Ramaphosa's televised address on 22 March 2020 regarding the national lockdown.

Notes from the Presidential Address: -

1. Reiterate that most effective way to help infection is to change basic behaviours.
2. Staying home, cancelling gatherings and avoiding people help curb the spread of the virus.
3. Immediate swift and extraordinary action is required.
4. Fundamental task is to curb the spread. Health services cannot be strained.
5. Next few days are crucial.
6. Decided to enforce lockdown from Midnight 26 March 2020.
7. Will last 21 Days to 16 April
8. Categories exempted:
9. Health workers
10. Emergency personnel
11. Security services
12. Production and distribution
13. Essential banking services
14. Power
15. Laboratory services
16. Hygiene services
17. People will not be allowed to move unless buying food and medical supplies.
18. JSE not affected. Trading continues.
19. Malls and clothing stores to be closed.
20. Those who can operate remotely must do so.
21. Defense force deployed to help police.
22. Public health management programme to perform screening. Initial focus on high density and high-risk areas.
23. Centralised treatment for sever cases.
24. Decentralised treatment for mild cases.
25. Resident arriving from high risk countries will face quarantine of 14 days.
26. International flights from Lanseria suspended.
27. International travelers will be turned away.

SAFCEC therefore advises all its members to enforce and implement their company standard shut down procedures that are put in place for the annual builders break in December of each year. These commonly include but are not limited to: -

- The clearing of site
- Plant & machinery removed from site or securely parked and locked out with keys in lockbox or removed from site
- Hydraulic cranes parked in a designated area with hook block secured, Boom angle at 45' and crane is to be earthed to ground (Earth spike and cable with welding clamp will suffice)
- Lattice boom cranes parked with boom angle of 75' and hook block secured to a counterweight with sufficient strength slings
- Tools & Equipment removed from work areas, Gang boxes locked with tamper-proof locks or cover over padlock
- Ablution facilities cleaned, closed and locked
- Water supply points locked-out / closed

- Electrical supply locked-out
- Rubble removed from work areas
- Waste bins removed
- Fuel, oil and hazardous materials stored safely or completely removed
- Local Fire brigade informed of type of materials stored
- No contaminated / oily rags or PPE stored in drums in laydown areas
- Flammable gas bottles in stores secured and locked
- No fire hazards surrounding the area
- Hazardous areas barricaded and / or made safe
- All material barricading in a good state of repair on site and in laydown areas
- All scaffolding inspected and secured
- All superfluous materials removed from elevated positions
- All excavations closed as far as reasonably possible, or securely hard barricaded
- Security arranged / available
- Traffic accommodation maintenance team arranged to ensure site safety during break (**TBC – we await response from government whether or not it is considered an Essential Service**)
- Emergency contact numbers displayed and provided
- Office windows and doors closed and in good state of repair, etc.

Please note (NB): -

1. During this lockdown period, SAFCEC will coordinate any request by authorities to members for their consideration, provided that such requests are reasonably practical and affordable, given the current state of the industry.
2. Member companies wishing to make individual contributions in any way or form, whatsoever, are encouraged to do so via, or at least notify, the SAFCEC National SHERQ Advisory service.
3. The authorities will have to ensure that a permit system exists to facilitate access to identified targeted areas by emergency contractors and to further ensure access to supplies to the said contractors.
4. Further note, that any official pronouncements by authorities affecting our industry will be communicated accordingly to members as soon as we are made aware of same.

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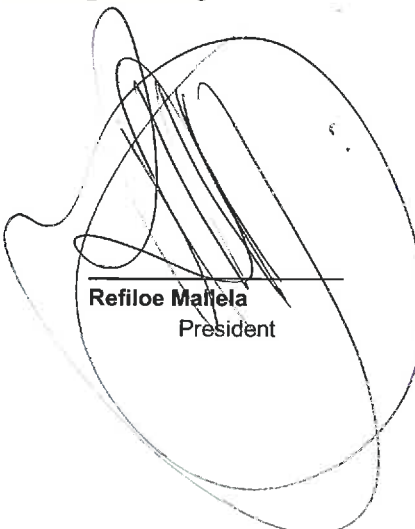
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