Dear stakeholder

The Coronavirus is fast spreading around the world. In recent days the number of infected people in South Africa has increased significantly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of those directly impacted by COVID-19.

Based on the experience of other countries, we expect a big increase in infected South Africans in the coming weeks. Global markets have crashed with many industries and companies under threat. Governments around the world are taking drastic measures to try and contain the spread of the virus and to support their economies. Our priority is to ensure the continued good health and safety of all SAMIC’s stakeholders – which includes you.

What we are doing at SAMIC to mitigate the risk

In order to mitigate the risk SAMIC have taken proactive measures to ensure that we are best prepared in the event of disruptions to work. Certain precautionary measures are already in place, including:

- The introduction of a “no touch” policy at SAMIC
- No air travel for business purposes
- Internal and external meetings to be limited to essential meetings
- Any employee who feels unwell or exhibits any flu-like symptoms, will remain at home.

Over the past several days we have already tested the feasibility of a remote, work-from-home arrangement with a large contingent of our staff complement. Fortunately, through the application of modern technology, we are pleased to say this in the process of being formally rolled-out. Our staff are equipped with the resources required to operate optimally be it at the SAMIC premises or offsite.

Our office and all Auditors / Inspectors will be contactable through the usual channels. If you are unable to get hold of a particular person directly, please email rudivdw@samic.co.za whereby your query will be escalated.
Let me again emphasize that the Board and Executive Management of SAMIC will ensure you receive the level of service you are accustomed to. While it remains business as usual, we implore everyone to take responsibility for their personal hygiene, to remain calm and to work together to mitigate against the further spread of the virus.

Kind regards,

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