



# Takeover Regulation Panel

a member of **the dti** group

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Dear Stakeholders

## TAKEOVER REGULATION PANEL COVID-19 NOTICE

As the number of COVID-19 positive cases continues to increase in South Africa and worldwide, resulting in travel bans and quarantines, organisational issues and concerns continue to develop. On 15 March 2020, President Ramaphosa declared a national state of disaster in terms of the Disaster Management Act, No. 57 of 2002, the immediate consequences of which are yet to fully manifest.

At this stage we confirm that the Panel has a Business Continuity Plan in place that can be used for any emergency, including a pandemic similar to the outbreak of COVID-19.

We will continue to follow international best practices as well the guidance from the national Department of Health on measures to be taken to limit the spread of infections associated with this virus.

As an immediate measure, we will encourage our stakeholders to consider alternatives to in person meetings for purposes of consultations with the Executive of the Panel and other staff. Where possible, we suggest that parties consider meetings via electronic communications like teleconferencing facilities, until the curve of infections has successfully been flattened and public health officials have confirmed that they are in control of the outbreak.

Where in person meetings with the Panel cannot be avoided, we recommend that all precautions are taken by the relevant people to reduce the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including preventing the attendance at our offices of persons:

- that have travelled to any country with a high incidence of COVID-19 such as those regions mentioned by the President during his speech on 15 March 2020;
- that have been in close proximity with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19; and
- that display flu-like symptoms, such as coughing, a fever and difficulty breathing.

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We will also take other precautions aimed at the above, which will be communicated from time to time as we better understand the full extent of the state of disaster in South Africa and receive guidance on appropriate risk mitigation strategies.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please contact **Andile Nikani**, **Zano Nduli** or **Margaret Motsoahae** on the following numbers/emails:

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neo Phakama Dongwana', is written over the typed name.

**TAKEOVER REGULATION PANEL**

**Neo Phakama Dongwana**

**Chairperson**