

CEO UPDATE



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COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Colleagues

Industry Protocols

I want to thank you for your input on the industry protocols, as the TBCSA requested. We have now merged all the protocols from various associations and companies, and we now have a draft document that we are finalising. These protocols represent the industry commitment in mitigating the spread of virus. We are cognisant that there will be some changes in numerous aspects of protocols as the COVID-19 pandemic continue to devastate of country and sector.

UIF TERS Relief

Our relationship with UIF on the TERS program continues, as of today, a total of 1039 entities applied for UIF assistance from our sectors. These applications represent 40 922 employees from the tourism sector who are reliant on UIF relief. We expect these numbers to grow in the coming months if certain aspects of our industry do not open for business soon. We are in constant communication with UIF to help with the

cases that are still pending. We will be having a discussion with UIF commissioner to extend the relief for tourism companies and employees to December 2020.

Efforts to get travel and tourism to operate before Level 2 or 1

As you are aware, the COVID-19 risk-based strategy, as announced by the president, determines when certain aspects of the economy are likely to open. Our sector is ranked to operate at levels 2 and 1, which is most likely between October and December 2020. We have put together an economic case for tourism supported by the industry developed protocols which are reviewed by epidemiologist to open aspects of travel and tourism.

We secured a meeting with the president, which was postponed due to an urgent ANC NEC meeting yesterday. However, we were invited by the Minister of Tourism to present to the Cabinet Economic Cluster meeting today, we manage to get the support of Minister Mboweni, and Mantashe for our tourism case. We have met other ministers in the past week to get their support for our sector.

Over the weekend, we will complete a joint document between South African Tourism and TBCSA on a compelling case for travel and tourism. This document will be presented to cabinet early next week by the Minister of Tourism to motivate for the industry to have various aspects of travel and tourism open guided by the industry protocols

Regards



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