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## **A D V I S O R Y**

### **SOUTH AFRICA PLACED ON LOCKDOWN**

President Cyril Ramaphosa declared a 21-day lockdown over the whole of South Africa from 26 March 2020 to 16 April 2020. The measure is to control the number of COVID-19 infection in the country.

The salient features of the lockdown are as follows:

- The lockdown would commence from midnight on Thursday 26 March until midnight on Thursday 16 April. Everyone in South Africa, unless otherwise exempted, must remain at home.
- The categories of people who will be exempted from this lockdown are the following: health workers in the public and private sectors, emergency personnel, those in security services – such as the police, traffic officers, military medical personnel, soldiers – and other persons necessary for response to the pandemic.
- Likewise exempted are those involved in the production, distribution and supply of food and basic goods, essential banking services, the maintenance of power, water and telecommunications services, laboratory services, and the provision of medical and hygiene products. A full list of essential personnel will be subsequently published.
- Individuals will not be allowed to leave their homes except under strictly controlled circumstances, such as to seek medical care, buy food, medicine and other supplies or collect a social grant.
- All shops and businesses will be closed, except for pharmacies, laboratories, banks, essential financial and payment services, including the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, supermarkets, petrol stations and health care providers.
- Companies that are essential to the production and transportation of food, basic goods and medical supplies will remain open.
- A full list of the categories of businesses that should remain open would be subsequently published.

- Companies whose operations require continuous processes such as furnaces, underground mine operations will be required to make arrangements for care and maintenance to avoid damage to their continuous operations.
- Firms that are able to continue their operations remotely should do so.
- Provision will be made for essential transport services to continue, including transport for essential staff and for patients who need to be managed elsewhere.

To avoid fines, imprisonment and/or other disciplinary action, all Filipinos in South Africa are strictly enjoined to follow the instructions and guidelines issued by the South African Government relating to the lockdown.

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