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## SABS Committee Meetings - Impact of Covid-19

Dear Committee Member,

We trust this communication finds you well and in good health. As you are aware government has implemented level three restrictions and a subsequent risk adjusted process of re-opening economic sectors and activities whilst implementing measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 infections. Social distancing remains one of the key mitigating factors that will reduce the spread of infections as we anticipate that the pandemic will have long lasting impacts on our processes for effective stakeholder engagement and the development of National Standards.

The safety of our staff and committee members remain an important priority of the SABS. Over the past nine months we have successfully hosted virtual committee and working group meetings and maintained a high level of productivity on projects and publications. Our committee surveys have also presented a positive uptake of virtual meeting platforms and we would like to thank our committee members for embracing this new normal of committee engagement.

As a member of ISO and IEC the SABS has been closely monitoring the communiques from these organisations regarding TC/SC and Working Group meetings. In alignment to recent updates on national government restrictions and further communications from ISO and IEC we would like to extend the continuation of SABS committee and working group meetings via virtual platforms at least until the end of April 2021. We will continue to monitor the situation and will provide an update in months to follow.

Our committee secretariats will continue to work closely with the committee chairpersons and members in order to adequately prepare for and host virtual meetings.

We thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,



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