

SAOA STATEMENT: ALERT LEVEL 1

President Cyril Ramaphosa has announced that a number of South Africa's lockdown regulations will be relaxed as the country moves to a level 1 lockdown from midnight on Sunday (20 September).

In a national address on Wednesday evening (16 September), the president said that the country has 'withstood the storm' in its fight against the coronavirus and that the data shows a clear downward trend in the country. However, he cautioned that **'by any measure we are still in the midst of a deadly epidemic'** and said that **the most important task is ensuring that the country is not hit by a second wave of infections as is being seen internationally.**

In practical terms, with the door open for all industries to return to work, the country will enter a "new normal" under Level 1 of the Covid-19 lockdown, beginning on Monday 21 September, which will remove a large number of the social and economic restrictions implemented to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The SAOA cautions its members to continue to strictly adhere to safety precautions in practices as per the SAOA guidelines.

Should you have any queries or require additional information, contact either Lucky Nkosi on 074 243 4261 or Harry Rosen on 084 482 4517 at any time.

STAY SAFE

Best Regards,

SAOA TEAM