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**CLIFFE DEKKER HOFMEYR**

# COVID-19 ALERT

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Dear clients

Pursuant to the initial confirmation of the first case of COVID-19 in South Africa by the Department of Health on 5 March 2020, and the subsequent declaration of a National State of Disaster on 15 March 2020, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr has been prioritising efforts aimed at mitigating the effects thereof on the health of all our employees, clients and service providers, their families, and visitors to our office buildings. We have adopted the appropriate hygiene, health status vigilance, social distancing, travel, meetings and remote working protocols in line with recommendations by the World Health Organization, the South African Department of Health and National Institute of Communicable Diseases.

There has never been a more profound need to respond collectively to the 'Thuma Mina' call to individually, collectively and decisively make a contribution to beating this pandemic, commencing with doing what needs to be done to 'flatten the (rate of infection) curve' and disrupt the virus from gaining too firm a foothold in our country. As South Africans, we know that we are well capable of doing that and we encourage all to support and co-operate with national initiatives by government, the private sector and citizens in this regard.

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We wish you and your organisation strength and fortitude as we navigate this pandemic and will update you should our operational circumstances or any measures, implemented by government under the auspices of the Disaster Management Act, 2002, require that we do so.

Kind regards,



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