COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Implats notes South African President Cyril Ramaphosa’s directive for a 21-day national shutdown of all non-essential businesses and services, effective midnight Thursday 26 March 2020.

The Group supports the decisive action taken to help bring the COVID-19 pandemic under control and flatten the curve of the infection rate. The health and safety of our employees and host communities is of paramount importance to Implats.

The Group is working systematically to ensure an orderly transition to a period of care and maintenance at our mining, smelting and refining operations, as directed by the South African government.

Implats plays a key role in the economy of South Africa, is a major employer, and our operations support multiple businesses and families in our host communities. As such, the Group is engaging with the South African government to ensure the sustainability of the Group and mitigate, where possible, the negative socio-economic outcomes of the shutdown.

The Implats Board and executive are engaged in detailed analysis and planning related to the impact the shutdown will have on the Group. Further details will be communicated once the Group has more certainty.

Implats CEO Nico Muller said: “These are unprecedented and extraordinary times and we all need to make sacrifices for the greater good. Implats will do what is necessary to protect our employees, communities and the South African economy.”

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