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## MEDIA RELEASE 2020/01 COVID-19 UPDATE SA BUS & COACH INDUSTRY

South Africans are navigating a truly unprecedented global event, and in this time of crisis we would like to assure our travelling community that SABOA is working with and assisting the National Department of Transport to develop a workable Public Transport Plan that is focused on ensuring the health and safety of the public transport community. In this regard we have made detailed proposals to the National Department of Transport to try and mitigate, the risk that public transport presents in distributing the Corona virus.

Commendably, bus and coach operators have been proactive in instituting operational measures to educate and provide as safe an environment for employees and commuters alike. These measures come with their own challenges as operators scramble to replenish stock of protective gear and sanitising supplies. The challenges have been raised with the authorities and SABOA is confident that the National Department of Transport will take the necessary action to ensure the safety of all commuters, in all modes of public transport.

SABOA is continuously engaging with Government at National and Provincial levels and we are committed to keeping the transport community informed. A comprehensive response will be communicated once all consultations are finalized.

Now more than ever, we must work together, as nothing is more important than the health and safety of our people. The single most important precaution everyone can take it to observe good personal hygiene and adhere to safe social distancing.

The following channel links may be used to communicate with SABOA: <a href="mailto:saboa@saboa.co.za">saboa@saboa.co.za</a> https://www.facebook.com/SaboaOfficial/ / https://twitter.com/SaboaOfficial

Who is SABOA?

The Southern African Bus Operators Association represents a wide range of bus and coach operations in

South Africa, these being, commuter bus operators, long distance intercity and inter-state services, school

bus operators and tour/charter operators. It is recognised as one of the most representative associations in

public transport in South Africa.

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