



The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy is committed to managing the spread of **COVID-19** in the mining and energy sectors.



Mining and energy remain **catalysts** for economic growth and development in South Africa.



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Energy

The directions will apply to

Civil engineering for public works projects relating to energy.

Professional entities that provide licences, approvals and authorisations for the maintenance and construction of energy projects

All professional planning, costing and design work that supports construction work on sites, in anticipation of incremental work on construction sites

Contracted suppliers, contractors and consultants who need to travel across borders to attend to projects; and

Energy construction work **already priced** and **awarded** government tenders.



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Mining

Requirements for Mine start-up include:



A presentation on the precautionary start-up procedure to be made to the office of the **Principal Inspector of Mines**, by both the representatives of the employer and organised labour at the mine.



The precautionary start-up presentation must address measures that the employer will take to prevent the spread of **COVID – 19** as well as actions to **provide and maintain a working environment** that is safe and without risk to the health or safety of employees.



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The mandatory **Code of Practice** (COP) for the mitigation and management of **COVID-19** in the mining industry will assist employers in as far as reasonably practicable to establish and maintain a **COVID-19 prevention, mitigation and management** programme.



Workers returning from **epicentres** will be **quarantined** before being allowed back at work. This is done to **protect the workers and the community** they live in.



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Inspectors from the Department have been tasked to **ensure** compliance during this period and will intensify visits – both scheduled and unannounced. The intensified mine inspections and other measures aim to safeguard the lives of employees, suppliers, contractors and all those they will encounter during this period.



Any **non-adherence to the Covid-19 minerals and energy regulations** will be dealt with in line with the regulations as it constitutes a criminal offence and a breach of the **Mine Health and Safety Act**.



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Energy



The Department has and will continue to ensure a supply of **energy** and **petroleum** products to meet demand.



The **Collieries** that supply Eskom **continue** to operate at full capacity, while refineries also continue to operate at full capacity to avoid shortages of fuel. **Smelters** and **furnace** plants are also operating at full capacity.



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Mining will be permitted to operate at full capacity as of **1 June 2020**. Mines will be required to systematically phase in a ramp-up of production that will **protect mineworkers and ensure** that the sector is able to operate safely and optimally.



All employers are instructed to ensure that prior to allowing any mine or shaft to commence with their production activities after a prolonged stoppage; a safe precautionary start-up procedure is developed in **consultation with organised** labour at the mine.



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The **Department** has issued a Guiding Principles on the Prevention and Management of **COVID-19** with regards to the preparedness, mitigation and management of **COVID-19** to assist the sector in developing the **aforsaid protocol**.



A ten-point action plan to deal with **COVID-19** by the mining industry, in line with guidelines by the Department of Health and the National Centre for Infectious Diseases has been **developed**.



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The **Department** has issued Directions that provide guidance on the implementation of provisions of the **Regulations** relating to permitted goods and services.

The purpose of the Directions is to provide for the continuous supply of **energy** and **petroleum** products to society.

The **Direction** allow for maintenance and construction work for energy projects to resume under **strict, safety, hygiene, sanitization** and **social distancing** protocols.



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All employers and employees are encouraged to work safely and apply **zero** tolerance on sub-standard work and conditions.



Every mineworker has a **right to refuse** dangerous work and leave a dangerous working place. **Zero harm remains a priority**, even more so during this time.



The **Council for Geoscience** will intensify with immediate effect the monitoring and impact assessment of seismicity. This will assist in monitoring ground stability to further ensure the **health and safety of all mineworkers**.



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The following conditions apply to the starting and increasing of capacity

- (a) A **rigorous screening and testing program** must be implemented as employees return to work
- (b) The **mining industry** must provide quarantine facilities for employees who have tested positive for the **COVID-19**
- (c) Data collected during the **screening and testing** programme must be submitted to the relevant authority
- (d) **Mining companies** must make arrangements to **transport** their South African employees from their homes to their respective areas of operations
- (e) In accordance with these **Regulations** and **other regulations applicable in neighbouring SADC countries**, workers from these neighbouring countries will be recalled at the end of lockdown in their respective countries.



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