



## **GLASS NEWS ONLINE – Issue 37 – 26 April 2020**

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### **URGENT ACTION REQUIRED BY YOU NOW**

**Dear Customer,**

As you are well aware South Africa will move to Level 4 of the Lockdown on 1 May 2020. As we all embrace and support the battle against COVID-19, Government has proposed a draft framework for the Risk- Adjusted Strategy, in order to bring different sectors of the economy under Level 4 of the Lockdown. Clearly the intention is to start rebuilding our economy while deepening the fight against COVID-19. As South Africans and as an industry we need to support these steps.

Please [click here](#) to view the Draft Framework for various sectors of industry at the various levels. What is clear from the attached Draft is that Construction for Commercial Buildings is at Level 3 (D5) and Construction for Residential buildings is at Level 2(D6).

By far the bulk of the Glass, Aluminium and Fenestration industry operates and supplies these two sectors of the construction industry.

While we do support Government in its fight against COVID -19, our industry will be destroyed and thousands of jobs will be lost if the above is enforced. We therefore ALL need to urge Government that the Fenestration (and Construction industry) is allowed to return to work sooner, even if in a filtered approach (i.e. 30% at first) . A proposal could be that the Commercial Construction sector is placed in Level 4 and that the Residential construction sector is placed in Level 3.

The good news is that Government has invited Business and individuals to comment [click here](#) to view letter. Important to note is that your comments and submissions need to be submitted by 12h00 tomorrow (Monday 27 April 2020).

We therefore call on all industry players to make comment and submissions NOW!! Act NOW to save your industry. We call on all suppliers, Architects, Engineers, Customers, Glaziers, Window Manufactures and other stakeholders as well as Industry bodies to do the same.

As an Industry we all have a role to play in supporting the fight against COVID-19 but we also have a role to play in saving our industry and most importantly jobs in our industry. Remember as an industry to wear masks, social distancing, wash hands etc etc – but now is the time to get the construction industry back to work. **PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS AND SUBMISSIONS NOW**. Please note that comments and proposals must be in the prescribed format ([click here](#)) and must be sent to [lockdowncomments@cogta.gov.za](mailto:lockdowncomments@cogta.gov.za).

It is EXTREMELY important that employers, in particular those who are part of the Glass, Aluminium, Fenestration and Construction Industries, make submissions. Employers are to indicate exactly which activity, under which sector, they are commenting on, as set out in the draft proposals, as this is the required format for submissions. E.g Commercial Construction D5 on Level 3 would be and Residential construction would be D6 on Level 2 etc.

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Best regards,

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