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To whom it may concern,

CLAYBRICK ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ASPASA AS A MAJOR SERVICE PROVIDER TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IS IN SUPPORT FOR THE CALL FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CONSTRUCTION SECTOR AS ESSENTIAL SERVICES

The Clay Brick Industry and **ASPASA** forms an integral part of the supply chain to the overall construction industry and is a significant contributor to the South African economy and we support the call for the designation of construction sector as essential services.

One of our key areas of focus is in line with that of the South African Government's social and economic development of the population as a means of overcoming poverty. Gradually opening the Construction sector as called for by the Industry bodies will reach an overall objectives of "the promotion of a more labour-absorbing industrialisation path with a particular emphasis on trade able labour-absorbing goods and services and economic linkages that catalyse employment creation" and "the promotion of a broader-based industrialisation path characterised by the increased participation of historically disadvantaged people and marginalised regions in the mainstream of the industrial economy (Department of Trade and Industry: 2010)

The Construction Industry and the supply chain plays an important role in the effort by all to reignite the South African economy, so that we can all work towards attainment of the noble goal – however elusive it may currently seem - that will see infrastructure investment contributing 30% of the Gross Domestic Product by 2030.

Hence, we support the call to return to make this sector stronger and time to recover from the impact of Covid-19.

We have great appreciation for the sterling leadership demonstrated by our government under the leadership of President Cyril Ramaphosa, and for his deep understanding of the construction sector's contribution to and role in the South African economy.

We eagerly await government's response to the plea of the Construction Industry to reopen the construction industry with consideration of the compliance with COVID-19 imperatives that has been submitted.

In conclusion we wish to request that the bodies who are involved in the "CONSTRUCTION" industry work hard on getting the industry open a least level 4. We who are in the Mining industry have had great success and through the Minerals Council got our industry open to the benefit of the employers. Please include us in any discussions or proposals.

Yours respectfully,


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