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FROM : CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

TO : ALL MUNICIPALITIES

DATE : 26 MARCH 2020

RE: DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR 'SPAZA' SHOPS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC – REQUEST FOR MUNICIPAL DATABASES OF LICENCED 'SPAZA' SHOPS

The COVID-19 outbreak is impacting all aspects of our society and requiring unprecedented action on the part of government. The President on the 23rd of March has taken decisive action by pronouncing a state of disaster and a national 'lockdown' to dramatically reduce the spread of infection.

The impact of this decision on the economy will be far reaching, penetrating every sector and industry, with an inordinate impact on small business. Given the already strained economic environment, the Minister of Small Business Development – the Honourable Khumbudzo Ntshavheni – is finalising a package of support for spaza shops and informal traders as a response to support vulnerable businesses located in townships.

In support of this initiative, SALGA requests all municipalities to submit an up to date database of spaza shops and informal traders within its jurisdiction, which must include at a minimum:

- Name Of Spaza Shop Owners / Name of informal trader, physical address, province, district, local municipality and ID number
- Name Of Business
- Contact Details (Cell Phone Number)
- Licence Status (Whether Fully Compliant With Municipal Licencing Requirements)

Ordinarily we would request our provincial offices to facilitate the process, however, due to the speed at which we require the information, we request you to directly forward your municipality's database of spaza shops (in word/excel and pdf versions) using the following contact details:

- Submit to: mmchunu@salga.org.za; and jmashele@salga.org.za
- For further information contact: **Mxolisi Mchunu**, Senior Advisor Economic and Regional Development, on **078 110 1751**
- Due Date: **Friday 27 March 2020**

We trust that this request is met favourably and with the urgency it requires.

Regards,



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER