

CIRCULAR

To : All Employers in the Metal and Engineering Industry
From : Office of the Chief Executive Officer (Council Secretary)
Date : Tuesday, 28 April 2020
Subject : Request for assistance to employees within the Metal and Engineering Industry
Circular No : 2020/03

Dear Employers

The above matter refers.

The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in a worldwide economic crisis and a complete national lockdown in South Africa.

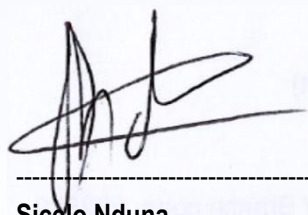
Although the complete national lockdown will be downgraded to level four with effect from 1 May 2020, there is no doubt that all sectors of the economy including manufacturing have been severely affected by the pandemic.

It is still unclear whether economic activity will be allowed to continue in the manufacturing sector in the foreseeable future.

As the Secretariat of the MEIBC, acting on the advice of the Management Committee (MANCO) hereby request employers within the Metal and Engineering sector to issue Covid-19 lay-off confirmation letters to employees in the industry who are unable to pay their creditors during this unprecedented outbreak. In this regard, we request and urge all employers within our industry to assist employees who require these letters in order to renegotiate with their creditors.

It would be appreciated if employers could assist employees with the above request seeing that it is uncertain as to when the lockdown will end.

Yours Sincerely



Sicelo Nduna
Chief Executive Officer (Council Secretary)