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FIRST CASE OF COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS IN KZN

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GAUTENG, South Africa: The Chartered Institute of Government Finance, Audit and Risk Officers (CIGFARO) is still scheduled to host its 11th Annual Audit & Risk Indaba, 20-22 April 2020 at the Durban International Convention Centre (Durban ICC) in the City of Ethekwini. This is an opportunity to deliberate the role of Internal Auditors assisting with improving audit outcomes and Risk Officers identifying mitigation strategies to sustainability and financial stability is essential.

The Institute hereby acknowledge the latest media statement dated 05 March 2020 by the Minister Zweli Mkhize reporting the first case of Covid-19 Coronavirus. This media statement is to ensure that members, non-members and sponsors who have already registered or plan to register are immediately kept abreast the Audit & Risk Indaba preparations. The Institute awaits the Government press briefing which will be held after the parliamentary debate to shed more light on this issue.

Information is being provided by the various stakeholders to Government including other multilateral organisations such as the World Health Organisation (WHO). Therefore, Government is kept abreast on all developments regarding the multiple aspects of the effects of the spread of the Coronavirus.

The Institute would like to confirm that as of today, CIGFARO will continue with the scheduled Indaba, 20-22 April 2020. We nevertheless remain on high alert. We encourage people who present symptoms related to this virus ensure that they are thoroughly tested and refrain from travelling. We therefore plead with delegates and sponsors to cooperate with Government health officials in this regard. We expect that there will be an increased and intense level of screening because of the alertness and vigilance of our own staff.

“This call is on all of us to be vigilant. South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa has warned that if the coronavirus turns into a "national crisis," its impact will be "huge." I urge all members to limit domestic business-related travel to essential trips only with leadership approval while maintaining excellent hygiene habits”, says Peet du Plessis, President for CIGFARO, the organisers of the event.

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