MEDIA STATEMENT

SABC PRESENTED WITH NEW INFORMATION REGARDING ITS LATEST REPORTED POSITIVE CASE OF COVID-19

Johannesburg - Wednesday, 27 May 2020 - The South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) has noted with concern the new developments regarding a reported positive case of COVID-19 involving an employee based in its Durban Office.

The confirmation for the positive test result that was reported yesterday, was based on the official lab results presented to the employee. The employee has since been alerted by the lab in question that an error occurred during the initial testing and the employee was presented with new test results, whose outcome was negative.

The SABC can confirm that the Corporation is in possession of both tests results. It must be noted that as per the norm, the Corporation has duly followed and adhered to all the internal protocols prior to confirming the case.

This latest reported case has had a serious impact on the organization, including the temporary closure of the Durban office and some staff members urgently having to undergo testing. The office will resume its normal operations on Friday, 29 May 2020.

Nonetheless, the SABC has noted with appreciation the messages of support and encouragement received by the concerned employee at the time when the test result was assumed to be positive.

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