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To: All AMESA members

Re: STATEMENT ON AMESA NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2020

With the evolving situation of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak causing the suspension or cancellation of large-scale events and gatherings, we as we as AMESA National Council, hereby provide you with an update on our 26th **AMESA NATIONAL AGM for 2020.**

Our AMESA constitution on pages 4-5, articulates the clauses regarding our AMESA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. In particular, the following clauses have reference to the matter under consideration:

18. The supreme governing body of the Association shall be the Annual General Meeting, consisting of the following members:

18.1 National Office Bearers.

18.2 One representative from each branch, appointed by the branch

18.3 $n \div 100$ (rounded to the next whole number) representatives from each region, appointed by the region, where n is the number of members in good standing in the region.

19. The Annual General Meeting shall meet at least once every year and shall be convened by the National Council, who shall determine the place and date(s) of the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall normally meet during the national congress of the Association.

[\["at least once" leaves the possibility of calling special meetings.\]](#)

20. Notice of a meeting of the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing and shall be posted to all members at least one month before the date of the meeting. The notice shall include the agenda of the meeting.

Taking into account the number and kind of members (as described in the above clauses), who should attend and participate in the the Annual General Meeting, it seems that we are expected to have more than 50 members present at the AGM. This number exceeds the

maximum prescribed number of persons allowed for any face-to-face meeting under regulations governing the management of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Africa. Furthermore, the AMESA National Congress 2020 has been postponed, and our next AMESA National Congress will most likely occur in June/July 2021 if the COVID-19 pandemic resolves itself and it is safe for our members to attend. At its AMESA National Council meeting held on 18 July 2020 virtually via Google Meet, AMESA National Council members expressed concerns about hosting the AGM virtually particularly with respect to logistics of setting up and managing the AGM. Hence, AMESA National Council approved that the AGM should not be held in 2020 but rather be held in 2021 at our 26th AMESA Congress in Gauteng.

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