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Per email: rachel@stilbaaisakekamer.co.za

Dear Mrs Wall

RE: REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COVID19 EFFECTED BUSINESSES

The matter above and more particularly your letters dated 30 April, 11 and 12 June 2020 refers.

In terms of our vision, A Caring, Serving and Growing Hessequa, we take note of your letter as we recognize our people and their social, economic and environmental well-being within its contents.

Hessequa's total income is mainly generated from residents, with basically no industries in our area. Currently businesses and households pay the same tariff, which reflects that businesses already earn a percentage discount.

National Government stated that they will contribute R 20 billion to all Municipalities, but we are still awaiting the final document confirming these funds.

The Hessequa Council has resolved at its meeting of the 29th of July 2020, Item 6.9, as follows:

- 1. That the Hessequa Council takes note of the requests from the Stilbaai Business Chamber for financial grace and assistance to local businesses and accommodation establishments.*
- 2. That the following measures remains in place for assistance to residential and business owners:*

- If accounts cannot be paid in full, written repayment arrangements can be made before the end of August with Council.
 - The client will repay the arrears in equal instalments over a period not exceeding 12 months.
 - The total amount of the arrangement will be interest free for the period of one year after which interest will be raised (this is also applicable to existing arrangements).
 - No credit control measures and discontinuance of services will take place if the monthly account and instalments are paid on time. - If arrangements are not adhered to, Council's existing credit control measure will be strictly enforced.
 - Note: Assistance to the amount of R1,5 million will only be written off after a process of application in evaluation has been conducted. A further amount of R500 000 to be used for humanitarian relief.
3. That no accommodation tariff or any other tariff reduction will be granted.
 4. That the Hessequa Council supports the initiative from the Stilbaai Business Chamber for the establishment of a relief fund for small businesses that have been effected by COVID-19 and that no financial support be allocated to this fund unless it has gone through a formal budget input process.
 5. That the LED Department continues to participate with the drafting of a Business Continuity Plan for the Garden Route District and that these measures are also reflected within the Hessequa LED Strategy.
 6. That the invitation of INCA for the drafting of a post COVID-19 Financial Sustainability Plan be accepted.
 7. That all tenants of the Municipality who cannot make use of their leased premises such as but not limited to business premises, for its lease, be exempted for the payment of their rental for the period that they were closed (100% discount), and for the period that they were partially closed (50% discount). This will cause a loss of income for the Municipality of approximately R160 000. The list to be submitted to the Executive Mayoral Committee for approval.
 8. That a Committee be established to draw up guidelines for businesses to be considered for writing off debts; consisting of Mr L de Villiers, Cllr T van den Berg, Cllr ME Dayimani, Cllr B Smith, a representative of LED and Finance Departments and that the recommendations of this Committee be submitted for approval to the Executive Mayoral Committee.

We trust that you find the above in order.

Kind regards,



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EXECUTIVE MAYOR