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TO: Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture: Honorable Nathi Mthetwa

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## FIRST AND FINAL URGENT LETTER OF DEMAND: REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO SETTLE UNPAID AMOUNTS TO "COVID19 DSAC"

## **Dear Honorable Minister**

- 1. The above matter refers
- 2. We Hola Bon Renaissance Foundation act on behalf of Affected SMME in South Africans Projects/Events/Productions owner, institution, playhouse, production, Freelance workers and independent contractors and/or athletes, Coaches and Technical Support referred to as the beneficiaries and/or applicants of the COVID-19 DSAC Relief scheme Benefit
- 3. It has come to our attention that there are affected beneficiaries who have not received their relief from the State and/or department
- 4. The State has committed to funding the beneficiaries who are affected by lockdown and it must honor its contractual and/or relief obligation.
- 5. This Letter serves to demand that the Department to settle unpaid amounts to beneficiaries.
- 6. On the 4 May 2020, the Minister said we were propelled by this State of affairs when we committed ourselves to do something to try and soften the impact of Covid19
- 7. Since 26 March 2020, South Africans are being on lockdown, most beneficiary are experiencing insolvency or business closer during these 85 (eighty five) days of lock down.

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- There are two categories of relief set out by the department which are Sport & Recreation (SR) and Arts & Culture (AC):
- 10. On Category (SR): The amount claimed is for the funds requested under this category by the Athletes, Coaches and Technical Support
- 11. On Category (AC): The amount claimed is for the funds requested under this category by the Projects/Events/Productions owner, institution, playhouse, production, Freelance workers and independent contractors:
- 12. As for rejected and/or non-qualifying beneficiaries, Department to provide grounds for such and indicate its feedback, furthermore indicate what measures are taken to enable for any appeal and/or clarity seeking for the beneficiary to receive the relief with 48 hours.
- 13. Any Projects/Events/Productions scheduled for March— June that had to be cancelled and department failure to provide relief, warrants a further bridge of obligation.
- 14. The response turnaround time must be 24 hours in all circumstances, a list of all beneficiaries be published on the Department website.
- 15. Any statement issued on COVID19 DSAC to beneficiaries by Department must have an actual date.
- 16. We therefore demand payment of as per the category approved directly to the beneficiaries within 48 (fourth eight Hours) from the date of transmission hereof, failing which we shall institute legal proceedings against the Department for payment, including recovering the costs that we would have occasioned as a result of department failure to comply with the terms of its obligation and that of the letter of demand.
- 17. Kindly effect payment into the accounts of all the beneficiaries
- 18. Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Yours faithfully

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Chairperson of Hola Bon Renaissance (HBR) Foundation