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Media Statement

Availability of the National Lottery during National Lockdown

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The National Lottery in South Africa was established to generate revenue which would be used to support welfare and other good causes, as opposed to traditional gambling where only the players benefit.

It is from this lottery revenue that the NLC has been able to direct **R 50 million** in **proactive funding** toward relief from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic through the Solidarity Fund.

Proactive Funding is the vehicle through which the NLC can provide relief in emergency situations and disasters (as per Section 2(3A) of the Lotteries Amendment Act 32 of 2013).

As the regulator of the National Lottery, the NLC has taken note of the Presidential lockdown directive and as such, has activated an exemption clause on lottery play in South Africa, enabling the National Lottery operator, ITHUBA to deliver the National Lottery to South Africans, while observing the regulations of the lockdown, and urging members of the public to do the same.

These measures are intended to reduce person-to-person contact, reduce the movement of people outside their homes, and encourage the use of remote and digital platforms in conducting National Lottery operations:

1. **National Lottery will be available for play online using the mobile App, website, and online banking channels during the lockdown;**
2. **National Lottery draws will continue and the NLC will monitor the conducting of draws and publication of results as per stipulations of the operating license. Winning numbers and prize allocation details will continue to be available on the National Lottery website (www.nationallottery.co.za), the mobile App, and other publicly available media platforms, including television; and**



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Established in terms of the Lotteries Act 57 of 1997, as amended

3. The NLC will ensure that all prizes are paid to winners after the lockdown period.

The NLC would like to reassure all South Africans that measures adopted by the National Lottery Operator, ITHUBA, during the lockdown period will be strictly monitored to ensure the integrity of the games, and protection of National Lottery players.

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