



MEDIA STATEMENT:

Since the onset of COVID-19, Afrox has successfully co-operated with healthcare providers and has managed to meet the unprecedented demand for medical oxygen. We continue to work closely with hospitals to maintain cylinder stocks and have met all the medical oxygen demands from our customers, including state hospitals and clinics during the COVID-19 pandemic to date.

Afrox is working closely with the Department of Health to ensure contingency plans are in place to meet the threat of a third wave of COVID-19. Reserves at storage facilities across South Africa have been replenished to support Afrox's installed production capacity of more than 630 tons of oxygen per day. Afrox also has the flexibility of bulk delivery tankers to transport oxygen to hospitals at increased levels.

Editor notes:

Afrox has a contract to supply oxygen and other medical gases to all government hospitals and clinics in South Africa.

On-time deliveries of bulk oxygen to hospitals are achieved through remote telemetry monitoring of storage tank levels. Deliveries are scheduled when tanks level reach 40%.

Afrox actively monitors its end-to-end oxygen supply chain risk review and business continuity planning including in-depth reviews of the oxygen supply chain. A range of emergency scenarios are in place and testing and implementing update adjustments are on an ongoing basis.

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NOTE: Afrox has no mandate from the Central Command Council to make statements outside of its immediate contracts and will not comment on any private or state hospital or any other state of national disaster issues. Please direct those enquiries the South African Department of Health or directly to the hospitals concerned.