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**ALLEGATIONS AGAINST AFFINITY HEALTH (PTY) LTD**

The National Bargaining Council for the Road Freight and Logistics Industry (Council) has become aware of media report from eNCA that the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) is investigating allegations that Affinity Health (Pty) Ltd (Affinity Health) was involved in the unlawful importation of chloroquine, that Affinity was dispensing the medication to its staff as a COVID-19 preventative measure, and that the company planned to distribute chloroquine to its network of pharmacies.

Affinity was appointed by Council, through an open tender process to provide Integrated Health Services to the employees in the industry. In this regard, the services rendered by Affinity Health include the provision of primary healthcare services through its Medical Society Centres, as well as its network of health practitioners and pharmacies.

With regards to the impact of the allegations on employees in the industry who access healthcare services through Affinity Health, Council swiftly requested Affinity Health to respond to the allegations. Affinity Health has since denied the allegations and assured Council that it has not caused chloroquine to be unlawfully dispensed to any person or enterprise including employees in the industry. In order to allay any related concerns, Affinity Health further provided Council with a schedule of all medication dispensed to all industry employees during the past three months or so.

Therefore, Council has no reason to doubt Affinity Health's assurances but will continue to monitor closely developments in the matter and take such action as may be deemed necessary at any given stage to ensure the wellbeing and protection of employees in the industry.

Yours Faithfully

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National Secretary

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