

## **Press Release**

16 July 2020: Astral Foods Limited (Astral), South Africa's leading integrated poultry producer, would like to inform the market that both Astral's Chairman, Dr Theuns Eloff and Chief Executive Officer, Chris Schutte, have tested positive for the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. Since the national lockdown effective midnight on 26 March 2020, Astral's Board has held their Board meetings via a digital platform.

Theuns Eloff is self-isolating at home and receiving medical treatment for his symptoms.

Chris Schutte, as you are aware, underwent cardiovascular surgery on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2019, and is regarded as a "high risk" patient. Chris is under strict supervision of his team of physicians and is also self-isolating at home.

Astral's Board extends its best wishes to both Theuns Eloff and Chris Schutte and their families during this challenging and uncertain time, and requests that all communication in this regard be addressed via the Astral Corporate Office. Chris Schutte's return to office will be communicated at an appropriate time.

Astral's competent executive management team is in place to deal with all relevant operational matters and Daan Ferreira, Astral's Chief Financial Officer, will be the central contact person during Chris' absence.

## **Ends**

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