

# PRESS RELEASE

# Purpose:

To acknowledge the devastating hardship and losses in the Western Cape

#### Statement:

It is with profound sadness that we share in the hardship and losses experienced by residents and visitors in the Western Cape.

SADA has close to 30 members in the most affected areas of Knysna and Plettenberg Bay. We have been able to make telephonic contact with the majority of practitioners in these areas and are pleased to report that the majority of the practitioners are safe and unharmed at the time of this communication.

Regrettably we are aware of 4 Dentists and 1 Oral Hygienist who have lost their homes and belongings. SADA is monitoring the situation.

SADA acknowledges the professional and personal support, sacrifices of all individuals, in both private and professional emergency service capacity. We stand behind all efforts of safety and rehabilitation during this time of national tragedy and disaster. SADA will continue to monitor the situation in the Western Cape.

#### #Ends

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#### **About SADA:**

The leading professional industry membership body for dentistry in Southern Africa, the South African Dental Association (SADA) represents over 80% of registered dentists in the country's private and public sectors. Membership is open to industry professionals from dental students to retired dentists.

The association is committed and engaged in processes relating to setting industry standards and formulating policies. Learn more about us at http://www.sada.co.za

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