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## Beattie Group of Companies COVID-19 Update 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020

As you have heard in the news reports, South Australia, the Northern Territory, and Western Australia have closed their borders as of 4.00 pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020, and Queensland as of midnight Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

We are advised that **the Beattie Group of Companies**, including BT Transport & Logistics, S & S Freight Services and LDJ Logistics, as well as the wider transport industry, **are exempt from any restrictions** of border crossings, as all transport and logistical services are being deemed an essential service.

This means that our group will continue to service all our customers without disruption.

As a group we have implemented a number of key strategies:

1. Key information on hygiene, attendance at work in the event of sickness or return from travel, and support services, has been put in place and communicated with all contractors and staff.
2. Signage is in place throughout our facilities communicating changed requirements on sites for visitors and staff.
3. Increased cleaning schedules have been introduced at all facilities, including recommendations to staff in relation to their work spaces.
4. Supplies of essential items have been boosted to ensure continued supply.
5. All offices have been locked down with only staff designated to that office allowed to enter.
6. All offices have been remodelled to meet the minimum 2 square metre distancing recommendation, including closing internal doors, opening external doors and windows and limiting use of air conditioning.
7. Staff that can work from home have been asked to do so.
8. Remote access and online meeting platforms for key staff have been implemented and tested, ensuring that business can continue uninterrupted in the event staff cannot attend the workplace, including communication between staff and customers, drivers and contractors.
9. IT platforms and services have been strengthened, ensuring no disruptions.
10. Non-essential interstate travel and face-to-face meetings have been banned.
11. Border change-over options are in place to ensure freight can shift across borders if required.
12. Direct telephone contact with regulators in each state is maintained to ensure we have the latest updates and a line of communication in the event that we have issues at any border.
13. Communication is in place with drivers regarding documentation required at each of the borders.
14. Allowance for fatigue in the event drivers experience delays on route and at the border.

Announcements continue to evolve quickly and we will endeavour to maintain open communication with our customers, suppliers and staff with updates on our position and strategies to meet with the changing environment in order to deliver a continued service.

It is important to our group that we continue to work with all our key stakeholders to focus on the safety of everyone and on continued delivery of service. We can assure our customers that we have a well laid-out plan to ensure business continues should the COVID-19 situation escalate.

Phillip Mills  
Chief Executive