

## **NFA-ACTION GROUP (NFA-AG)**

4<sup>th</sup> August, 2020

Honourable Barbara Oteng Gyasi  
Minister, Tourism Arts and Culture  
Accra-Ghana,

Dear Hon. Barbara Oteng Gyasi MP.

### **A Petition to the Honourable Minister for the Reopening of our Cinemas.**

The NFA - Action Group (NFA-AG), a Creative Arts industry pressure group largely made up of film industry stakeholder associations and guilds is calling on the Presidency through the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture to immediately take action to lift restrictions on our cinemas in Ghana. This is to enable the film industry to kickstart its process of recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic in line with many other sectors.

We have carefully evaluated the potential spread of the virus at our cinemas and the attached risk assessment shows the residual rating as safe for reopening. We propose an online booking system which will allow us to track and trace our customers easily.

Our petition comes at this good time, especially after His Excellency, President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo Addo has lifted restrictions on a number of sectors where large groups gather such as Churches, Mosques, drinking bars and tourist sites. In addition, passenger buses have been allowed to operate at full capacity while travelling to further destinations.

While making this request the NFA-AG thanks the Government for the stimulus packages put in place for the Creative Arts Industry. We believe that if the Government accepts our petition to allow the cinemas to reopen, the industry will recover much sooner from the impact of the pandemic. Our risk assessment report will be made public through a ZOOM Meeting with other film industry stakeholders and practitioners today(Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August, 2020) at 4pm. It is our utmost goal to inform and educate film makers and cinema goers on the risks and how to minimise them. The report considers the full process of the cinema's operation.

Honourable Minister, while we bring this petition to you, we would like to use this opportunity to draw your attention to some concerns of the film industry. During last year's Creative Arts Forum, a few of these concerns were set to be resolved by the close of the year. To date, only the inauguration of the National Film Authority Board has been concluded. This was done on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December, 2019 and 7 months down the road we still feel that more could be done, ie. resourcing the National Film Authority, drafting and laying the Legislative Instrument of Act 935 in Parliament, among other things.

The NFA-AG hereby presents this petition to the Honourable Barbara Oteng Gyasi MP. to advise the government on the above subjects for cinemas to be allowed to operate

alongside the COVID-19 safety protocols, as stated in the attached Risk Assessment by the NFA-AG.

God Bless Ghana Film Industry.  
God Bless Ghana.

Yours in Service,



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NFA - Action Group

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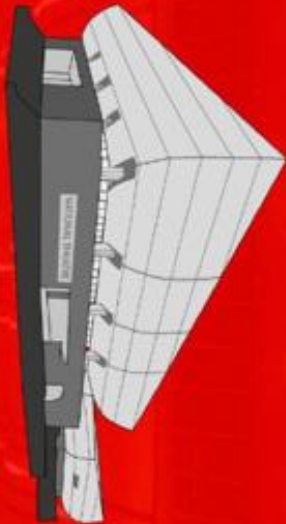
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Ghana Film Industry		RISK ASSESSMENT									
Description of Activity:		Safe operation of cinemas in Ghana during COVID									
		Location:		Generic Cinemas		Issue:		2		Ref:	
Assessed By:		Ben Darkwa		Date:		03/08/20		Review:		04/08/20	
Hazard	Likely Harm	Party Affected	Risk Rating			Control Measures Required / Comment	By Whom	By When	Residual Risk Rating		
			S	L	R				S	L	R
Infected person not washing hands adequately	Spreading coronavirus	Workers Customers Contractors	4	5	H	1. Put signs up to remind people to wash their hands 2. Provide water, soap and drying facilities at wash stations 3. provide hand washing guidance posters 4. Provide hand sanitisers 5. Use disposable paper towels instead of air hand dryers to dry hands	M	Start of shift	2	1	L
Infected person using common high traffic areas	Spreading coronavirus	Workers Customers Contractors	4	5	H	1. Check body temperature before admitting people onto property 2. Setup one way human traffic system 3. Supervision to enforce social distancing rules 4. Set up and monitor room maximum occupancy numbers 5. Enforce the use of PPE at all times 6. Leave non-fire doors open to reduce the amount of contact with doors and also potentially improve ventilation 7. Stagger film showing times to reduce human traffic. 8. Provide distanced seating at cinema halls 9. Use E-Ticketing where possible to buy cinema tickets	M	Always	2	1	L
Corona virus infected surfaces and workstations	Spreading coronavirus	Workers Customers Contractors	4	3	M	1. Identify surfaces that are frequently touched: eg handrails, door handles, shared equipment etc and specify the frequency and level of cleaning and by whom 2. Avoid sharing work equipment during same shift. 3. Provide PPE training to workers	M	every 2 hours	2	1	L
Poor workplace ventilation	Spreading coronavirus	Workers Customers Contractors	4	2	M	1. Identify if you need additional ventilation to increase air flow in all areas of the cinema. 2. Maintain air circulation systems in line with manufacturers' recommendations 3. Set up and monitor room maximum occupancy numbers 4. Provide distanced seating at cinema halls	M	Start of shift	2	1	L

KEY:	Party	S - Severity	L - Likelihood	R - Risk = S x L
M = Management S = Supervisor O = Operative T = Third Party C = Client		1 = Trivial Injury/ies 2 = Minor Injury/ies 3 = Major Injury/ies to one person 4 = Major Injury/ies to several people 5 = Death	1 = Improbable Occurrence 2 = Remote Occurrence 3 = Possible Occurrence 4 = Probable Occurrence 5 = Likely Occurrence	15 - 25 = High Risk 8 - 12 = Medium Risk 1 - 6 = Low Risk



# #OpenTheCinemaSnow

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## GHANNA CINEMAS COVERD-19 SAFETY MEASURES



ONLINE  
BOOKING

Book your tickets  
online on the  
Momo app



TRAINING  
AND PPE

Staff will receive  
training and PPE will  
be provided where  
necessary



SOCIAL  
DISTANCING

Measures will be  
put in place to  
ensure that  
customers are 2m  
apart



DISTANCED  
SEATING

New booking systems  
will ensure that  
groups are a safe  
distance from others



PAPERLESS  
TICKETS

Virtual tickets will  
reduce  
unnecessary  
contact



STAGGERED  
FILM TIMES

Staggered film  
times to reduce  
crossed paths



SANITISING  
STATIONS

Multiple sanitising  
stations will be  
provided around  
the cinema



ADDITIONAL  
CLEANING

Frequently touched  
areas will be  
thoroughly sanitised  
between films

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