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FOR PSA MEMBERS: EASTERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND AGRARIAN REFORM (DRDAR) – MTHATHA AREA

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Update: PSA protects members' health and safety

Members at DRDAR in the Cofimvaba area reported the poor state of a building occupied by government employees as hazardous to health and safety of employees. The PSA immediately reported the state of the building to the Department of Employment and Labour in Queenstown for intervention.

The Department of Employment and Labour's inspectors acceded to the call where part of the building consisting of three offices was totally closed to allow for renovation. The employer was ordered to relocate and provide employees with a healthy and safe workplace within 60 days. The Department of Labour's inspection report further ordered that the remaining part of the building must be demolished for new construction to take place.

Employees are reminded that it is the responsibility of the employer to provide a healthy and safe working environment, and protection of employees against hazards to health and safety arising out of or in connection with the activities of employees at the workplace.

The PSA appreciates the rapid response by the Department of Employment and Labour and encourages members to report related matters to the PSA Provincial Office in Mthatha on (047) 501 2500.

GENERAL MANAGER