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FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

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Return to work: COVID-19 Level-4 Lockdown

Re-opening: Giyani and Malamulele Home Affairs

Members will recall that the two offices above, were closed after being issued with prohibition notices by the Labour Inspector. This comes after the PSA was made aware that the employer failed to comply with safety regulations. The PSA immediately engaged the services of the Department of Employment and Labour, to inspect the offices for compliance with Section 8 of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, which resulted in the two offices being issued with prohibition notices and consequently being closed for non-compliance. The offices did not have water supply, which resulted in toilets not being functional and members could not wash their hands. The shortage of water was exposing members to the risk of COVID-19 infection.

The labour inspector visited the above institutions and declared the offices safe and employees are now serving members of the public. This is as a result of the employer being forced to make sure that there is water supply, fixing the borehole, appointing a service provider to disinfect offices, having employees screened when entering and leaving the offices, supplying face shields as well as thermometers, to test both employees and members of the public. The PSA appreciates the Labour Inspectors quick response, after a list was sent to the Department of Employment and Labour requesting for the inspection of the offices.

The PSA will continue to monitor that all offices comply with level-4 lockdown regulations as well the Department of Home Affairs Circular 4/2020, which deals with temperature screening, symptoms, and management of co-morbidities as the safety of the members is non-negotiable. Lastly, the PSA thanks its members and shop stewards for being vigilant in the workplace and put their safety first, which is our priority.

Members in other departments are also urged to contact the Provincial Office if their safety is compromised in anyway as we need to be cautious and vigilant to defeat the Covid-19. Send Whatsapp messages to 082 880 8975.

Members will be kept informed of new developments.

GENERAL MANAGER