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FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES - NORTH WEST

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Update: Management of COVID-19 pandemic - DCS

The Department of Correctional Services after the announcement by the President Cyril Ramaphosa on the decision to uplift the country's lockdown to level 4, called an urgent meeting to discuss and agree on safety measures and placement of inmates who must be quarantine or isolated. The PSA stated that the place of quarantine must have the potential to keep inmates according to their classification. It was concluded that the two Area Managers from Klerksdorp and Rooigrond will be tasked to propose the venue. The name of the correctional facility will be made known in the next meeting.

Infected officials

The Department indicated that it has already chosen a place where members who may be infected will be kept. Officials will be provided with the necessary protective equipment to prevent possible infection in line of their duties. The Department indicated that members are screened on daily basis, including everybody who comes to centres and business partners. It has identified a house at Losperfontein but has not yet called the Department of Health to inspect the venue. It was also stated that the Health Department provided a few places of quarantine and the Department is at liberty to refer its members there as they will receive medical treatment and proper monitoring. The Department will also through the EAP help members or their family should a person be infected. GEMS is also assisting members and has places of quarantine.

PSA members are encouraged to report any non-compliance that may be encountered through the PSA full-time shop steward, Johan Pretorius (081 016 5114) or Abram Moribe (abram.moribe@psa.co.za).

GENERAL MANAGER