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FOR PSA MEMBERS: VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

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Update: Various departments

Concern on increasing number of deaths: Various departments

The PSA is concerned with the number of employees that are perishing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It cannot be business as usual, when almost all departments lose an employee, either due to poorly managed observance of COVID-19 protocols and insufficient PPEs. Shockingly, the PSA is made aware that members, with underlying conditions are forced to report for duty and those who test positive are instructed to hide their status, for fear of causing panic. Other complaints evolve from employer failing to check on the well-being of employees, who are placed on quarantine, instead employees are pushed to return to work. In addition, employees complain of unsuitable conditions, which include the lack of hot water and in some instances no water at all and dietary needs are not met. The PSA always calls on departments to ensure the safety of their employees to avoid complications.

DoJ: Mount Frere

The PSA was made aware of the passing of a member and a shop steward who succumbed to COVID-19. The PSA is saddened with the loss and encourages colleagues, friends, and family to celebrate the life of the deceased and lift the PSA flag high, in remembering the lives of those that have passed.

Department of Social Development: Tsolo

One death is one too many. The PSA was again alerted to the passing of a member on 2 July 2020. The PSA extends its sympathies to friends, colleagues, and family for their loss. The PSA reminds its members of the funeral benefit claim that the PSA pays out when a member pass on. The claim must be made within six months otherwise family members will forfeit the benefit.

The PSA further calls on its members, to remain vigilant and comply with COVID-19 regulations by practicing social distancing, sanitizing and washing hands regularly, and wearing a mask.

The claims can be submitted to the attention of pumla.kwababa@psa.co.za; Zoleka.ngebe@psa.co.za or Kenneth.qikani@psa.co.za.

May the souls of the departed rest in eternal peace.

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