

Staff movement to new building

Members will recall that the PSA issued several editions of the *Informus* as well as media statements regarding the unsafe building at 96 Schoeman Street in Polokwane. Subsequently, the PSA forced the employer to allow members to vacate the building and to be accommodated at Biccard Street. This was after the building had several safety challenges and caught fire, which left the PSA with no option but to request for the services of a Labour Inspector to verify the breach of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. The inspection by the Labour Inspector confirmed that the building was unsafe and prohibition and contravention notices were issued.

The PSA is monitoring progress and is in constant engagement with the employer pending finalisation of the process. Members should note that the construction of the new building has been completed as partitioning and network points are completed, amongst others. The moving of furniture is underway and is handled by the service provider. Members should note other processes to be finalised are parking, an occupancy certificate and handing over of the building by Public Works.

The PSA anticipates that all processes will be finalised by 31 March 2021 to allow members to finally move to a safe working environment. Members will be informed of new developments.

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