

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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## Update: OHS non-compliance at Marchand Clinic

The PSA is alarmed about the shocking condition of Marchand Clinic near Augrabies Falls in ZF Mgcawu District. Members started complaining about life-threatening working conditions at the Clinic, including:

- A constant strong stench in the building.
- Irregular water availability at the Clinic.
- No toilet facilities.
- Broken windows.
- No security service.

Officials reported that the constant stench of human waste is causing respiratory illnesses. On 17 October 2022, urine was flowing underneath the entrance door to the Clinic. These matters have been reported to the authorities since February 2022 but nothing was done.

The PSA has written to the District Director for intervention, failing which, the Union will move for the immediate closing of the Clinic until this inhumane situation is addressed by the Department of Health. The PSA further suggested that operations of the Clinic must be moved to an acceptable building in the same area for the convenience of employees and the community of Marchand and surrounding areas, keeping in mind that security services would also be needed at an alternative place.

Members are reminded that it is the employer's responsibility to provide them with a safe working environment.

Members will be informed of developments.

GENERAL MANAGER