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FOR PSA MEMBERS: DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (DSI)

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Victory for PSA members

Remote work during winter season

A multilateral meeting was held on 26 May 2023. The PSA raised a concern that the condition of the building situated at the CSIR premises is unbearable for working conditions in winter. The building is cold and there is no equipment to warm offices. There is a high risk of catching opportunistic illnesses such as colds and flu. The PSA insisted that employees cannot be exposed to such high risk during the winter season. The PSA demanded that employees must work remotely for the duration of the winter season.

The employer noted the concerns raised by the PSA and agreed to allow employees to work remotely. Employees will work remotely from 1 June to 15 August 2023. After 15 August 2023, the employer will only allow 50% occupation capacity into the building. The employer indicated that the services of various stakeholders were secured to upgrade the building. The process will resume in due course and alternative temporary accommodation will be secured. The *attached* circular was issued to confirm the remote-work arrangement during the winter period. Members are requested to report to peter.mngomezulu@psa.co.za, should they be forced to report at the office during the winter period without valid reason.

Employees who want to join the PSA can visit the PSA's website (www.psa.co.za), send an email to ask@psa.co.za or contact PSA Provincial Offices.

GENERAL MANAGER