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FOR PSA MEMBERS: **NORTHERN CAPE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT, SAFETY AND LIAISON**

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Update: Non-compliance with *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)*

The PSA in the Northern Cape is concerned about the non-compliance with health and safety standards at the headquarters of the Department, Transport, Safety and Liaison in the Northern Cape. These offices are located at the Ocean Echo Building in Kimberley. Since the Department of Employment and Labour issued a notice of non-compliance in March 2023 regarding ventilation, nothing has been done to date.

The notice gave the Department 60 days to address the issues raised in the notice. A follow-up inspection of the building was scheduled for May 2023 and the building was still not compliant. This non-compliance is now recommended for prosecution. The HOD of the Department indicated that the deficiencies have been addressed with the landlord. The outcome of that encounter between the Department and landlord is still awaited.

The PSA remains gravely concerned that the safety and well being of all personnel in the Ocean Echo Building is compromised. Members are informed that the Department of Employment and Labour has been requested to expedite the prosecution to finalise this issue. Members are encouraged to alert the PSA Provincial Office of any further challenges at the workplace. The HOD has been warned that the PSA will in the absence of urgent intervention by his office, advise members not to enter unsafe premises.

GENERAL MANAGER