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FOR PSA MEMBERS: **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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Update: Contaminated water - Dr AB Xuma Building (Head Office)

It has come to the PSA's attention that water intended for consumption at the Dr AB Xuma building poses serious health risks to employees. This situation violates the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 181 of 1993*, jeopardising employee well-being.

Upon receiving member complaints, the PSA promptly notified the Department of Health and stressed the urgent need for action to ensure member safety. The PSA has formally engaged with the Department, highlighting non-compliance with National Environmental Health norms that mandate safe drinking water provision and appropriate signage for non-potable sources.

The PSA has demanded immediate measures from the Department to provide safe drinking water solutions, including bottled water for all employees until the matter is resolved. The PSA emphasizes the necessity for regular maintenance and water-quality testing to prevent future incidents.

Members are assured that the PSA will closely monitor the situation and schedule follow-up meetings with the Department to ensure prompt progress. The PSA remains committed to holding the Department accountable for any delays or inadequate measures and is prepared to escalate the matter to the Department of Employment and Labour, if necessary, to enforce OHS compliance.

Members are encouraged to report any OHS non-compliance. The PSA is dedicated to safeguarding your health and well-being.

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