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Closure of Ocean Echo building: Provincial Offices of Northern Cape DTSL

The PSA welcomes the closure of the Ocean Echo Building in Kimberley. The facility has been housing the Department of Transport, Safety and Liaison. The PSA has consistently raised concerns about the occupational health and safety state of the building.

The Department of Employment and Labour in the Northern Cape conducted inspections in 2022 and 2023. Both inspections resulted in the issuing of notices of non-compliance, but the DTSL failed to comply. On 26 November 2024 inspectors from the Head Office of the Department of Employment and Labour arrived at the DTSL office in Kimberley. They conducted an inspection, and the notice of prohibition was issued as per the *Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)*. The notice ordered immediate closure.

These circumstances could have been avoided had the DTSL taken remedial actions in 2022 and 2023. The public that must be serviced at this point are now denied services. The PSA calls on all responsible managers to ensure that offices are *OHSA* compliant.

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