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FOR PSA MEMBERS: FREE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Closure of Community Hall owing to unsafe working conditions

Members are hereby informed that on 23 April 2026, the PSA conducted a site visit to the community hall where members have been working, following the closure of Marantha Clinic by the Department of Employment and Labour owing to non-compliance with occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements.

During the inspection, it was discovered that the community hall was operating under extremely unsafe conditions, including:

- No electricity in the facility
- Lack of running water
- Only one functioning toilet for both staff and patients

These conditions posed a serious risk to the health and safety of both employees and members of the public. Furthermore, the presence of damaged asbestos heaters in the facility raises grave health concerns. Exposure to asbestos can lead to serious illnesses such as asbestosis, mesothelioma, and pleural diseases. The Department of Employment and Labour, has taken a decision to close the community hall with immediate effect to safeguard the health and safety of all affected.

The PSA will continue to engage with the employer to ensure that all necessary corrective measures are implemented. Members will be kept informed of any further developments.

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