



FOR PSA MEMBERS: KWAZULU-NATAL (DURBAN /ULUNDI AREA)

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## PSA's decisive action ensures safe working environment at Ulundi Complex

The PSA is pleased to announce a successful intervention at the Ulundi Complex, following an *in-loco* inspection by the PSA's Organising/Marketing Officer, Nkosinathi Thwala. This assessment revealed severe hazards compromising the safety and well-being of members.

The inspection uncovered the following alarming issues:

- **Inhospitable conditions:** The building's state renders it nearly uninhabitable, adversely affecting safety and productivity.
- **Water leaks:** Pervasive leaks throughout workspaces create hazardous environments.
- **Electrical hazards:** Saturated electrical wiring pose significant risks of shocks and potential fires.
- **Waterlogged carpets:** Persistent dampness contribute to an unhealthy workplace.
- **Damaged furniture:** Deteriorated furniture compromise safety.
- **Health risks:** The cumulative effect of these conditions pose extreme health risks to employees.

In response to these findings, the PSA Provincial Office: Durban actioned the following:

- **Engagement with authorities:** The PSA communicated with the acting Head of Department of Public Works, Dr Vish Govender, who promptly investigated the matter. Dr Govender, alongside the MEC of Public Works and Infrastructure, Mr Martin Meyer, visited the Ulundi Complex and confirmed the identified issues. They collectively decided to temporarily close the building to address the concerns.
- **Implementation of remote work:** Employees were instructed to work from home until further notice, with a skeleton staff maintaining essential services, ensuring member safety during necessary repairs.

The PSA will closely monitor the repair process to ensure timely implementation of safety measures. The PSA encourages members in KwaZulu-Natal to report any unsafe working conditions promptly, enabling swift PSA intervention. This decisive action has led to significant improvements at the Ulundi Complex, highlighting the importance of promptly addressing occupational health and safety issues. The PSA remains committed to safeguarding members' rights and well-being and will provide updates on further developments, ensuring that safety remains a top priority.

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