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PSiRA MOVES SWIFTLY TO SUSPEND REACTION UNIT SOUTH AFRICA (RUSA)

PRETORIA, 11 June 2019- The Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) has suspended the services of Reaction Unit South Africa (RUSA), a private security service provider based in Kwa-Zulu Natal. This **immediate suspension** by the Authority is as a result of a prima facie case to be answered due to sporadic acts of misconduct reportedly alleged to have been committed by the service provider. The Authority was thorough in its investigation and this immediate suspension is sustained until the finalisation of the Code of Conduct findings.

Section 28 of the Code of Conduct deems any person who commits improper conduct in terms of this Code, as guilty of an offence and on conviction liable to a fine or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 24 months, or to both a fine and such imprisonment.

Also, the Code prohibits any security service provider to infringe any right of a person as provided for in the Bill of Rights.

In a terse statement, PSiRA CEO, Manabela Chauke contends that, "There is no amount of decorated reasons purported to be the rationale for harassing people can serve as a pretext for bypassing the requirements of the Constitution and deliberate obfuscation in properly applying the Industry's Code of Conduct."

To this end, the Authority will not tolerate any apparent deliberate disregard for the industry's Code of Conduct and will therefore act decisively.

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For more information, enquiries and interviews, please liaise with Ms Siziwe Zuma on 079 519 2688 / Siziwe.Zuma@psira.co.za

In terms of Private Security Industry Act 56 of 2001, our mandate is to regulate the private security industry and to exercise effective control over the practice of the occupation of security service provider **in the public and national interests and the interest of the private security industry itself.**

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