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**THE PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY (PSiRA)  
CONDEMNS THE INCIDENT OF VANDALISM OF PRASA PROPERTY FOLLOWING  
THE TERMINATION OF PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACTS**

**PRETORIA, 21 NOVEMBER 2019**- The CEO of PSiRA, Manabela Chauke, has condemned in the strongest terms, the reported vandalism of PRASA property allegedly committed by security officers who were reportedly working on PRASA sites, that is, those who were contracted as private security service providers at PRASA's respective stations, nationwide.

These alleged acts follow the termination of all private security contracts by the utility last week. Chauke has reiterated that vandalism of property and putting people's lives in danger are both criminal and abhorrent.

He further stated that, the Regulator was specifically alarmed by the alleged involvement of the private security officers in these sporadic incidents.

He added that, although it is the responsibility of SAPS to fully investigate acts of public violence, "as PSiRA we have assigned our Law Enforcement team to conduct an urgent investigation to establish the identity of security officers involved in any of the reported incidents, as that was not only criminal but was also in breach of the Code of Conduct for security service providers and any applicable legislation."

Should the allegations be proven to be true, the Security Officers would have violated Regulation 8 of the Code of Conduct for Security Service Providers, 2003. It is called General Obligation towards the public and private security industry that state that:

- A security service provider must at all times act in a manner which-
  - a) does not threaten or harm the public or national interest;
  - b) promotes the stability of the private security industry

- c) promotes good discipline in the private security industry;
- d) maintains and promotes the status of the occupation of the security service provider;  
and
- e) promotes efficiency in and responsibility with regard to the rendering of security service.

We want to steadfastly reassure the public that we will ensure that all private security service providers uphold the law of the country. Our pledge and obligation towards the public in this instance is that we will investigate whether the alleged Security Officers acted within the prescripts of the Code of Conduct

**'Ends'**

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*The Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) was established in terms of Section 2 of Act 56 of 2001 to effectively regulate the private security industry and to exercise effective control over the practice of the occupation of security service providers in the public and national interest and in the interest of the private security industry itself*