



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **For Immediate Release**

### **PRIVATE SECURITY REGULATOR REINS IN SNIPER PROTECTION SERVICES**

**CENTURION, 06 February 2020**- Post its media statement dated 23 January 2020, the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) has effectively suspended the registration of Sniper Protection Services and its Director, Mr Walter Stander, for alleged improper conduct.

Section 26 1(a) of PSiR Act 56 of 2001, prescribes that, "If there is a prima facie case of improper conduct in terms of this Act, or of the commission of an offence referred to in the Schedule, against a security service provider, the Authority may suspend the registration of the security service provider, (a) pending the conclusion of an investigation or enquiry by the Authority into the alleged improper conduct."

On the strength of the overwhelming evidence gathered, the Authority has therefore suspended all the operations of this security service provider.

The Authority is also considering the applicability of Section 26(4)(iii) which states that if the security officer/Director is deemed no longer a fit and proper person to render a security service; his or her registration could be withdrawn.

Accordingly, in line with the provisions of Section 26(3) of the Act, the effect of this suspension means that Sniper Protection Services and/or its Directors may not render any security service, unless the prior written permission of the Authority has been obtained, but during the period of such suspension the security service provider is still bound by all the obligations of a registered security service provider provided for in the Act.

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