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PARLIAMENT WELCOMES PSiRA UPDATE ON CLIFTON BEACH DEBACLE

Cape Town- Today, 4 February 2019, the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) presented the findings of the investigation to the Portfolio Committee on Environmental Affairs, in Parliament of the Republic of South Africa, Cape Town. The Authority's leadership, led by the Chief Executive Officer, Manabela Chauke and the Acting Chairperson of Council, Nhlanhla Ngubane appeared before the committee.

Mr Chauke reminded the Committee about the obligations of private security service providers which is stipulated in the Code of Conduct that they:

- a) must not threaten or harm the public or national interest;
- b) must promote stability of the private security industry;
- c) must treat members of the public with respect and courtesy;
- d) may not render any service that requires a legal power, authorization, level of training, skills and qualifications which he does not have.
- e) may not use excessive force;
- f) may not threaten or poses unreasonable risk to public order or safety;
- g) may not contract to render services that requires authorization or legal power;
- h) may not render security services without a written contract with clients;
- i) may not render security services when a conflict of interest arises; and
- j) may not discriminate on the bases of race, gender, ethnicity or social origin, culture and conscience etc.

Pertaining the case, the CEO told the Committee that the Authority received four complaints which were mainly about the conduct of PPA, allegations of assault, unauthorised restraints,

use of abusive language, among others. The Investigation commenced on the 27th of December 2018 and several witnesses and PPA were consulted and interviewed and they alleged that they were assisting law enforcement agents.

Furthermore, Chauke reported to the Committee that charges have been served on the Director of PPA, 3 security officers linked with the company and on PPA as a legal entity for violation of the Code of Conduct. The 3 Security Officers charged have been suspended pending the conclusion of the Code of Conduct enquiry. The hearing is therefore set for Monday, the 4th of March 2019. In terms of the Code of Conduct for Security Officers of 2003, anyone found guilty of improper conduct is subject to the following penalties:

1. warning or reprimand
2. suspension of registration as a security service provider
3. withdrawal of registration as security service provider
4. a fine not exceeding R1 000 000.00
5. publication of appropriate details of the conviction of improper conduct and any penalty imposed

The Portfolio Committee's Chairperson, Honourable Philemon Mapulane, welcomed the report by the Authority and said he wishes that PSiRA gets to the bottom of the issue. "Our country has progressed a lot since the democratic dispensation in 1994 and our people fought for their freedom, including freedom of movement. African and Black people in general, have been denied access and enjoyment of natural resources such as the beaches. It would be a shame if we were to go back there," he said.

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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.