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THE PRIVATE SECURITY INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY HOSTS KENYAN DELEGATION

PRETORIA – 10 June 2013. Mr Thula Bopela, chairperson of the Private Security Regulatory Authority (PSIRA) led the Authority's delegation that hosted benchmarking visit to South Africa by National Police Service Commission (NPSC) in Kenya on 7 June 2013.

The high powered delegation mandated to advise the government of Kenya on matters relating to Police Services was led by Ms Esther Chui Colombini, Vice Chairperson of the Commission, Mr James M Muhoro, Secretary, NPSC from the Deputy President's Office, Mr Elijah Ochieng Achoch, CEO and Mr Fedrick Mugambi, Director, Human Resources.

The purpose of the visit was to learn and share from the good practices in South Africa, particularly, the PSIRA model of regulating the private security industry. The key interest of the delegation was on the relationship between the Regulatory Authority and SAPS, systems in place for controlling licensing of firearms in the industry, registration processes and training.

PSIRA presented the overview of the Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority detailing the mandate as provided for in the PSIR Act and the perspectives on the Southern African Regulatory Frameworks focusing on South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Lesotho. On the South African regulatory framework, a perspective was presented on the regulation of private security both internally and externally.

In her closing remarks Ms Esther Chui Colombini said the presentations and the engagements with the Authority have enlightened the commission on key areas that they will need to look into when they advise on the establishment of a regulatory body of private security in Kenya.

The Chairperson on PSIRA said it was humbling that the Authority is seen as regulatory body that can contribute to private security regulation in Africa, he encouraged continuous knowledge sharing between the two countries to ensure world class regulation of the industry.

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