

MEDIA STATEMENT

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PSIRA INVESTIGATES THE RED ANTS OVER DEMOLITIONS OF ALEXANDER HOMES

PRETORIA, 04 June 2019- The Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority (PSiRA) is investigating the alleged callous demolitions of homes by a security service provider which has resulted in apparent disregard for the human rights of the dwellers of Alexander.

Though the Authority is not privy to all the underlying facts in this case, we reiterate that security service providers may not do anything that is outside the Law.

The CEO of PSiRA, Manabela Chauke, is appalled by the manner in which these latest demolitions are reported to have been carried out "particularly because the Red Ants ought to know how to conduct such evictions." The Authority appeals for restraint whilst we "move swiftly to investigate this matter", quipped Chauke.

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

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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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