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Media Advisory

FIRE INCIDENT AT PHUTHADITJHABA INDUSTRIAL PARK, NO INJURIES REPORTED

The Free State Development Corporation (FDC) confirms that a fire broke out at the Phuthaditjhaba Industrial Park on Thursday, 18th July 2024. The incident occurred at approximately 14:00pm and involved a portion of the furniture factory, which was almost destroyed.

FDC's property management teams, along with the District Manager, responded swiftly to the scene. According to Tefo Matla, "At around 14:00pm, a dense column of black smoke was spotted in the industrial area, and at the same time, FDC received information from security in the park about a fire outbreak at one of FDC's industrial properties. FDC personnel and the District Manager rushed to the scene while requesting emergency fire services to attend to the reported matter.

Following standard protocol, the team alerted both the Maluti-A-Phofung Fire Department and the South African Police Services (SAPS). Thankfully, no injuries were reported during the incident.

The cause of the fire and extent of the damage are currently under investigation. These findings will guide FDC management on the necessary steps to take moving forward.

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The Corporation is committed to working around the clock to ensure that the tenants affected by the fire are relocated to alternative buildings as soon as possible. Management would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to the Protection Services, FDC Property Management teams, and other tenants who assisted during the incident.

FDC remains dedicated to supporting its tenants and ensuring their safety and well-being.

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