

MEDIA ADVISORY

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To All Media

RE: FIRE INCIDENT AT FDC PHUTHADITJHABA INDUSTRIAL PARK – NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED

The Free State Development Corporation (FDC) confirms that a fire broke out at one of its industrial properties located at the Phuthaditjhaba Industrial Park on the evening of Monday, 2 September 2024. The affected site, which includes four small industrial units used by Lewis Stores (Pty) Ltd for storage, sustained severe damage because of the incident.

FDC's security team, in coordination with local fire authorities, responded swiftly to the scene, successfully containing the fire, and preventing it from spreading to adjacent buildings. The fire, however, consumed the property and its contents. Fortunately, the site did not house full-time employees, minimizing the risk of injury.

Following standard protocol, the team alerted both the Maluti-A-Phofung Fire Department and the South African 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.

The Free State Development Corporation is committed to supporting the affected tenant and ensuring a swift recovery for the impacted business operations.

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Management would like extend its heartfelt gratitude to the Protection Service, 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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