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Dear Members,

SAEFA STATEMENT ON STRIKE ACTION

SAEFA members will be well aware of the actions of striking workers since the strike commenced on Tuesday, 5 October 2021. We have received literally hundreds of messages from member and non-member companies of armed mobs roaming the streets and committing acts of intimidation and damage to property. There have also been numerous reports of serious assaults on workers exercising their right to work. Reports from businesses located in, amongst others, Boksburg, Benoni, Jetpark, Wadeville, Germiston, Roodepoort and Alrode include the following:

- Picketing workers blocking public roads;
- Damage to private property belonging to metal industry companies;
- Damage to private property belonging to companies that are not even in the metal industry;
- Looting of shops;
- Intimidation of administrative and support staff; and
- Serious assaults on non-striking workers, some of whom have required hospital treatment.

The CCMA has offered to intervene in the public interest by appointing one or more senior mediators to assist in attempting to resolve the dispute in terms of s150 of the Labour Relations Act. SAEFA has strongly supported this intervention, as this continued, blatant disregard for the law and picketing rules cannot be tolerated.

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