



Thursday, 7 May 2020

Communicare takes action to protect albatross tenants

No-one was evicted at Albatross today.

The incident at Albatross, a property owned by Communicare, dates back to September last year when locks to the premises were cut in an attempt to hijack and illegally occupy the building. These people are illegal occupants not tenants.

Communicare lodged a criminal case at the time and is in the process of seeking a court order to bar the culprits from illegally occupying the premises.

The court will ultimately decide whether those people should be evicted. We are confident that it will do so when it finds that they have acted unlawfully by violently forcing their way onto the property.

A meeting took place in the judge's chambers today in relation to this court action which was underway long before the lockdown. The lockdown regulations provide for such proceedings to continue at court but no evictions may be carried out.

"We are currently offering rental relief to all our legal tenants who may be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. We are very sympathetic to the plight of our tenants in these difficult times and we are doing all we can to assist tenants who have fallen on hard time," said Michelle Matthee, Stakeholder Relations Manager at Communicare.

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For more information:

Statement: Communicare Acts to Protect Tenants in Building Hijacking

<https://communicare.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Communicare-Acts-to-Protect-Tenants-in-Building-Hijacking-11-Sept-2019.pdf>

Communicare offers rental relief for tenants affected by lockdown

<https://communicare.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/PRESS-RELEASE-Communicare-offers-rental-relief-for-tenants-affected-by-lockdown-29-April-2020.pdf>

Please refer to clause 6 in the case before the ombuds that Communicare won with regard to statements issued by Neville Petersen:

<https://communicare.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Response-to-Ombuds-30-January-2020.pdf>

