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TO: Security Industry Stakeholders

Dear Sir/Madam:

I would like to announce that the *Security Services Act (SSA)*, which will replace the *Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act (PISA)*, received Royal Assent on May 31, 2007 and will be brought into force by regulation.

Security Programs and Police Technology Division is targeting late November, 2007, for completion of the regulations, although implementation will be phased in over a two year period. It is anticipated that much of the substance of the current PISA regulations will be incorporated into the new regulations, however, as the new legislation covers a broader group of security services and new technologies, the regulations will need to reflect these changes.

An overview of some of the changes is as follows:

New Categories

Armoured Car Guards will require licensing and training.

Corps of Commissionaires will be required to obtain licensing as a security business and their employees must also obtain security worker licences.

Doorpersons/Bouncers will require licensing and training.

Bodyguards will require licensing and training.

Closed Circuit Television/Access Control will include sales and installation.

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In-house Security Patrol & Private Investigators – Private entities whose primary business does not fall under the definition of a security patrol or private investigation business but have employees whose duties are defined as Security Patrol or Private Investigations will be required to ensure their employees have obtained security worker licences and obtained the proper training requirements.

New Licensing Process

Direct Licensing of Security Employees – Security workers will have the ability to make application for their own employee licence and the licence is portable from one business to another. They will be responsible for making application and renewing their licences. However, security businesses will remain responsible for ensuring they only employ licensed security workers.

Terms of Licences - Multi-year licenses will be considered for both businesses and employees.

Code of Conduct – A code of conduct will be introduced for security employee and businesses.

Training Requirements – Training is to be determined for doorpersons/bouncers and bodyguards.

Complaint Process – The complaint process will be formalized and communicated to the public.

Administrative Penalties will be introduced.

Equipment - The use of restraints (handcuffs) will be reviewed.

You can find a copy of the *Security Services Act* at http://www.leg.bc.ca/38th3rd/3rd_read/gov15-3.htm

We will be planning consultation sessions, so that interested parties may have the opportunity to provide input into the regulations. If you are interested in participating in the consultation process please provide your name, the entity you represent (if applicable) and your contact information to sgspdsec@gov.bc.ca or at the mailing address provided.

My staff and I look forward to working with you on the new Security Services Act Regulations.

Yours truly,



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