[2024] NZPSPLA 016

IN THE MATTER OF A complaint made under s 73 & 74 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act 2010 (the Act) against <u>GM SECURITY</u> <u>SERVICES CONTRACTOR LIMITED</u> now called AJ & SON'S SECURITY LIMITED

DECISION

[1] In 2021 I asked the Complaints Investigation and Prosecution Unit (CIPU) to investigate whether GM Security Services Contractor Limited had contravened the Act by employing security guards who did not hold a certificate of approval and by failing to file an annual return.

[2] CIPU have completed their investigation. They advise they were unable to determine whether GM Security was employing security guards who did not hold a COA. However, it is possible they engaged Ted Hanson to work in security without the required certificate. CIPU also established that GM Security changed its name to AJ & Son's Security Limited in November 2023 and George Malatai, the sole company officer of the company, has changed his name to Judas Papaliitele. In addition, GM Security has not filed an annual return since its licence was granted in 2020.

[3] The CIPU investigator informed Mr Papaliitele that he was required to advise the PSPLA of his company's change of name and is required to file an annual return. The verbal advice was followed up by written advice on 8 February 2024. Despite this, no annual returns have been filed and Mr Papaliitele has not advised the PSPLA of his company's change of name.

[4] Section 43 of the Private Security Personnel and Private Investigators Act requires every licence holder to file an annual return at 12 monthly intervals advising any changes to the details included in the licensee's application, a list of security workers employed or engaged by the company, and the prescribed fee. Section 43(6) states that if a licensee fails to file an annual return the licensee is automatically suspended.

[5] Mr Papaliitele has been advised in writing of the requirement to file annual returns and has failed to do so. GM Security Services Contractor Limited, now called AJ & Son's Security Limited, company licence and Judas Papaliitele's certificate of approval is suspended effective immediately.

[6] To have these suspension orders lifted AJ & Son's Security Ltd must file annual returns for 2021, 2022 and 2023.

DATED at Wellington this 4th day March of 2024

