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Joburg update on Outage and Restoration Efforts in Braamfontein

The City of Johannesburg acknowledges that there is an ongoing outage that has been affecting residents Braamfontein and the surrounding areas. The City understand the inconvenience this has caused and want to provide an update on the restoration efforts that are currently underway.

As of now, the City is pleased to confirm that 50% of the affected area has been restored. Teams from City Power are working tirelessly to restore the remaining 50%, pending everything going according to plan. City Power is confident that through back feeding from other substation, it will be able to fully restore power supply swiftly. Regular update will be provided on the progress made.

It is important to note that the current outage is unrelated to the work on the bridge in the area. While City Power successfully completed its work back in May, the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) continues with long-term work on the bridge.

The outage in question is a result of a minor incident that occurred during the ongoing work on the bridge. The contractor was installing plates to the bottom of the service duct on the bridge. During that process, a hole was drilled through the slab into the cable, causing the flicker and smoke which was promptly attended to by JRA. The issue was swiftly resolved, and after clearance from Emergency Medical Services (EMS), City Power is on site this morning to assist JRA in repairing the cable and stabilizing the supply in Braamfontein and the surrounding areas. All necessary precautions have been taken to ensure safe working environment, and we continue to monitor and enforce that.

The City want to reassure all residents and businesses in the area that there is no disruption to traffic, and the structural integrity of the bridge has been confirmed by our team of structural engineers.

The City appreciates patience and understanding shown by the affected residents as work to resolve these issues swiftly and efficiently continue.

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