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Media Statement

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PIKITUP WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES DISRUPTED DUE TO CASUAL WORKERS' PROTEST

Pikitup wishes to inform residents that waste collection services have been disrupted across all depot areas today due to a protest demonstration by casual workers who are demanding permanent employment from the entity. The Casual Workers are contracted to Pikitup's Fleet Ad-Hoc Service Providers, forming part of the round collection refuse removal services.

The casual workers have downed tools demanding that Pikitup Management accede to their demands for permanent employment directly by Pikitup. As a result, waste collection operations might not be completed as per schedule across the City of Johannesburg.

Today's protest action will further worsen waste collection backlogs already experienced in some areas following the 30 June 2026 March and March protest demonstrations against illegal immigration.

Given the current operational challenges, Pikitup is working around the clock to clear the current backlogs and to ensure sustainable service delivery to the communities.

We would like to sincerely apologise to residents whose waste may not be collected as scheduled in recent days. The entity assures residents that a waste collection recovery plan will be implemented as soon as conditions permit to clear backlogs and to restore normal waste collection services.

Pikitup appreciates the patience and understanding of residents during this period and is still committed to resuming normal waste collection services as quickly as possible.

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