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## **Media Statement**

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### **Pikitup progress on waste collection recovery plan**

Pikitup, the City of Johannesburg's waste management entity, is pleased to report positive progress in the implementation of its waste recovery plan, following service disruptions emanating from recent operational disruptions, including protest-related incidents and inclement weather resulting in disposal limitations and turnaround times.

To date, ten (10) out of twelve (12) depots have normalised waste management operations, whilst services remain behind schedule at the Randburg and Roodepoort depots in the clearing of backlogs. We further experienced a recurrence of protesters demanding permanent employment, without due processes being followed and as a result, further disrupting our recovery plan.

The situation at the Roodepoort and Randburg depots are further impacted by the partial closure of the Marie Louise landfill site, which has necessitated longer travelling distances to dispose waste at Pikitup's operational landfill sites located in the South of Johannesburg.

Pikitup's operations team is working around the clock to implement measures to ensure the normalisation of waste collection services in all affected areas as soon as possible, including as previously communicated, by optimising disposal arrangements and improving turnaround times.

Waste management services, including round collection refuse, street cleaning, and clearing of illegal dumping are continuing as normal across all depots.

Pikitup appeals to residents in areas serviced by the affected depots for their continued understanding and patience and assures them that every effort is being made to restore normal waste collection services as soon as possible. Residents are encouraged to follow Pikitup's social media platforms for regular updates.

Furthermore, residents serviced by the affected depots who are able to do so are encouraged to dispose of their excess waste at the nearest waste disposal site.

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