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**City of Johannesburg Press Statement by
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Chief Whip of Council Observes World Environment Day

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Every third Saturday of the Month, the Executive Mayor, **Cllr Herman Mashaba**, alongside leaders in business, civil society, religious institutions, political organisations, sporting fraternity, the arts and community organisations, conduct the City's clean-up campaign; *A Re Sebetseng*.

A Re Sebetseng is modelled on the Rwanda Umaganda, which is also a monthly campaign where all residents come together to clean their City. Through the campaign, the City of Kigali is now known as the cleanest in Africa.

The monthly campaign is a ward-based cleaning initiative where members of the community take part in cleaning and improving the outlook of their community through initiatives and programmes run by the City. For this to happen, the role of Councillors across all the political divide is crucial so as to provide the necessary leadership and champion the vision of the campaign.

The project enhances the City's R50 million investment into Pikitup for a third cleaning shift within the city. This is expected to grow to R82 million in the medium term.

The month of June sees the world observing World Environment Day. As the world today, observes this day, through *A Re Sebetseng*, I encourage Councillors to initiate projects to create awareness for the protection and appreciation of our surroundings and environment.

This month's *A Re Sebetseng*, will fall on June 16th, a day set out to commemorate the Youth of 1976 who fought against the ills and injustices of the Apartheid regime. To honour and commemorate this year's Youth Day, I further implore Councillors to involve youth and organisations working with the youth, to take an active part in *A Re Sebetseng*.

Plastic bags and gloves will be distributed at walk-in centers, clinics, as well as libraries. Bags will then be collected on the same day to ensure that we have a cleaner city.

As part of the A Re Sebetseng campaign Pikitup also runs a program of engaging with schools and private stakeholders to get the learners involved in preserving the environment for their future.

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