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Media Statement

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City of Johannesburg Municipal Swimming Pools Media Statement

The City of Johannesburg regrets to inform residents that as a result of increased levels of load shedding, municipal swimming pools have not been operating optimally.

As of September 1, 2023, we proudly announced the opening of 25 swimming pools, with additional facilities brought into operation during October, culminating in a total of 31 operational pools. However, unforeseen challenges have arisen, necessitating our immediate attention.

Widespread load shedding, which impacted the entire nation, has substantially affected the turnaround time for the filtration systems in our municipal swimming pools. The restricted availability of electricity hours impedes the proper functioning of our filtration and purification systems, posing a potential risk to the water quality in our pools.

The city has had to regrettably close pools to promptly address and rectify these challenges. Our paramount concern is the wellbeing and safety of the public. We are unwavering in our commitment to ensuring that our swimming pools maintain a clean and hygienic environment for all patrons.

We understand the inconvenience this situation may cause, and we sincerely apologize for any disruptions to your recreational plans. Our dedicated team is working diligently to find expeditious and effective solutions to the challenges posed by the weather and load shedding. Your patience and cooperation during this period are greatly appreciated. Notices will be prominently displayed at the affected pools when necessary. Pools will be closed on December 25th and 26th, 2023, as well as on January 1, 2024.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during these scheduled closures.

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