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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **JRA SADDENED AT PASSING OF TWO CHILDREN IN ORANGE FARM**

The **Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)** is saddened at the tragic drowning of two boys aged 10 and 11 in Orange Farm yesterday. The incident occurred when the two children climbed over construction site barricading into an open trench filled with underground water. The one child tested the water level and fell in while the other child tried to rescue him, resulting in both children drowning. The trenches are currently open for storm water drainage system construction.

**MMC for Transport Ms. Nonhlanhla Makhuba** said, "I wish to express my sincerest condolences to the families and friends of these two children. The JRA has inspected the site today and paid their respects to the families following yesterday's tragic drownings in Orange Farm."

She confirmed that safety specialists from the JRA as well as the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) have closed the site and are currently investigating the incident, the Department of Labour has been notified, and an investigation report will follow in due course.

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#### **About the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)**

The JRA is a City-owned agency responsible for the maintenance, repair and development of Johannesburg's road network and storm water infrastructure, including bridges and culverts, traffic lights and signage. The organisation is committed to providing quality roads that are accessible, safe and liveable for our communities.

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