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MEDIA RELEASE

JRA SPENT OVER R10 MILLION FOR SINKHOLE REPAIRS IN ANCHORVILLE

Nearly five months after a portion of Blue Gum and Anchor Ville Streets in Lenasia, South of Johannesburg collapsed in a gaping sinkhole, the Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) is proud to announce the completion of one of the Agency's largest underground utility repairs ever.

The R10.5 million project costs were also inclusive of consultants' fees for investigation to establish the root cause of the sinkhole, a design for corrective measures as well as the construction works.

The sinkhole that occurred early October, last year due to unstable and dolomitic conditions in the area, prevented access to the surrounding business premises. Construction works comprised of the following:

- a) Reinstatement of the stormwater pipes
- b) Backfilling of the sinkhole using imported material
- c) Reinstatement of the road and curbing
- d) Protection of the works to prevent stormwater running into the sinkhole
- e) Safety precautions for labour working in the vicinity of the sinkhole

Extensive damages occurred to road furniture such as paving, sewer and storm water lines amongst others. There were also damages to private property resulting in collapsed gates and walls of the Door King factory.

"It has been a long and tough journey for residents and businesses in the area and it is hoped that the repairs will bring much needed relief to the community of Lenasia," said Mpho Kau, Head of Business Infrastructure Development in the JRA.

This complicated sinkhole project has proved that through cooperation, much can be achieved. Throughout the project, the JRA was working with the community and various stakeholders holding regular site and inspection meetings to track progress. Factory owners, amongst other stakeholders were also invited to these meetings and they were an integral part of the project from the beginning to the end.

The JRA would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused and thank members of the community for their participation throughout the entire period.

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