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JRA ASPHALT PLANT OPERATIONS RESTORED

The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) is pleased to announce that its Asphalt Plant, located in Booyens, is now fully functional. The Plant's operations have resumed after a successful trial-run in the recent week.

The Plant, which produces the asphalt used for road construction and repairs, was closed in August 2020 due to technical and operational challenges. The extended downtime affected the speed of service delivery in relation to road maintenance. The JRA subsequently sourced asphalt from private suppliers to ensure continuity of the roads maintenance work.

The JRA's Board of Directors, accompanied by the Chief Executive Officer, conducted a site visit at the Asphalt Plant on the 29th of March 2020. The purpose of the visit was to assess the state of readiness for the Plant operations. Key intervention measures included the procurement of input materials such as aggregates and gas, proper maintenance services for critical infrastructure, the appointment of specialists and key strategic personnel, as well as specialised skills training for the staff to enhance the internal capacity at the Plant. Most of these deliverables have been met, while others are in progress. Following its site visit, the Board was encouraged with the state of readiness of the Plant to commence with operations.

In this regard, the **Chairman of the Board, Dr. Albert Mokoena** is of the view that the operationalisation of the Plant will significantly contribute in the potholes repair programme throughout the City as this will ensure that the JRA will now work with full capacity on the fight against potholes.

The CEO of the JRA Mr. Republic Monakedi explained that the measures in place will ensure that the Plant functions to its optimal capacity in order to fast-track service delivery and address the road defects across the City of Johannesburg. "It has been my priority to ensure that the we revitalise and re-open the Plant for production," said the CEO.

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The Plant produces hot and cold mixes, both at optimal design maximum capacity of 220 tons/hour. However, the operational daily Plant production levels are demand based. The JRA is pleased to report that for the first time, the Plant has started producing cold-mix, which will be used for emergency repairs and during inclement weather. Additionally, the Entity has a plan to activate the recycling facility of the Plant. The use of recycled material will supplement the use of virgin input materials; this will reduce production costs significantly.

The JRA is currently in the second phase of its City-wide Accelerated Service Delivery Plan for pothole repairs, road reinstatements, cleaning of kerbs, pavement cleaning and road markings.

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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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