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MEDIA RELEASE

JRA ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAMME KICK STARTED IN REGION D, SOWETO

The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) is proud to announce a R13 million road-resurfacing programme that will be spread across the Seven Regions of the City of Johannesburg during the 2012/13 financial year. The road resurfacing is an ongoing programme of works and forms part of the City's continued commitment to investing in and improving the road network of the City of Johannesburg.

"We are in the process of completing a new Visual Condition Index (VCI) for the entire City's road network and the road resurfacing programme is one of the indicators that were revealed from the process whereas, in some cases, we would be required to perform road rehabilitation and reconstruction", said Skhumbuzo Macozoma, JRA Managing Director.

He also stated that the JRA has introduced a structured approach to road management that prioritises the preservation of existing infrastructure, keeping it in good condition and not allowing it to deteriorate to poor condition.

The road-resurfacing project has already begun in Region D covering 2.1 km to date at an estimated cost of R3.1million in areas such as Phiri, Senaoane, Moroka and Jabavu. This entails the milling of damaged and deteriorated roadways as well as the installation of new asphalt.

The design lifespan of a road is normally 30 years but factors such as heavy traffic, drainage system, floods, contribute in terms of how long the road can last. Most of the tarred roads in Region D are around 14 to 30 years old and need resurfacing.

Safety and well-being of workers and road users remains a priority in projects of this nature. The JRA will continue to work closely with respective Regions of the City to limit access to certain roads during construction. The project has improved movement of traffic, pedestrians flow and the risk of damage to vehicles has been alleviated.

The JRA would like to apologise to all the road users for the inconvenience caused and wishes to convey its sincere thanks to the public at large for exercising patience during the period of road works.

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