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City of Johannesburg statement by
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City suspends 11 employees arrested for corruption

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Today, the City formally suspended the 11 officials from within the Revenue Shared Services Centre (RSSC) who were arrested on charges of fraud, theft and corruption last week.

This comes after these officials attempted to return to work following their appearance at the Johannesburg Commercial Crimes Court on Monday.

The implicated officials will now undergo an internal disciplinary process, in line with the City's prescribed policies and relevant national legislation.

Since their arrest last week, a number of other persons have been implicated in similar wrongdoing. The City's Group Forensic Investigation Unit, in partnership with the Hawks, is conducting further investigations and more arrests are expected soon.

To date, it is alleged that those implicated in wrongdoing have defrauded the City of about R2.5 million. In some instances, individual property owners colluded with the officials to inflate refunds due to them. As the investigations continue, this number is expected to rise.

The City will work with the Asset and Forfeiture Unit (AFU) to recover monies allegedly stolen by those implicated.

The previous administrations' handling of corruption with a simple slap on the wrist are a thing of the past.

Every cent lost to corruption is money which could have been used to provide needed services – especially to our poorest communities.

It is heartening to know that we have received overwhelming messages of support for the actions taken in this particular case from the majority of our employees who share our commitment to root out corruption.

We will continue to work tirelessly, and in collaboration with institutions such as the Hawks, SAPS and all other institutions within the criminal justice system to ensure that the residents of Johannesburg receive the quality services they deserve.

Our administration remains clear on the mandate received from the residents of our City, to deliver change that stops corruption, delivers services and creates jobs. Nothing will slow down our efforts to deliver on this commitment.

I continue to encourage residents to report any fraud and corruption activities through our 24hour tip-off hotline 0800 002 587 or visit the GFIS offices situated at 48 Ameshoff Street in Braamfontein.

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