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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### UPDATE ON THE VERIFICATION PROCESS OF INFORMAL TRADERS

Members of the media are invited to a briefing by the Executive Mayor of Johannesburg, Cllr Dada Morero, together with the MMC for Economic Development, Cllr Nomoya Mnisi, and senior officials from the Department of Economic Development. The City will provide an update on the progress of the court-ordered physical verification of informal traders, which concludes on 18 November 2025.

The briefing will cover the outcomes of the verification process, the next steps for issuing trading permits to qualifying traders, and the measures the City is implementing to ensure full compliance with the court ruling, municipal by-laws and the Informal Trading Policy. The City will also outline its ongoing efforts to create an orderly, safe and inclusive trading environment that supports both economic activity and the rights of residents and formal businesses.

### BACKGROUND

In early November 2025, the Gauteng High Court directed the City of Johannesburg to verify informal traders operating in the inner city and to regularise trading in line with the City's Informal Trading Policy and by-laws. The order was issued to ensure fair allocation of trading spaces and to restore order to high-density trading areas. The City immediately initiated a structured verification process, supported by Economic Development officials, with the aim of confirming the authenticity of traders and accelerating the issuance of lawful permits.

### DETAILS

Date: Tuesday, 18 November 2025

Time: 09:00 for 09:30

Venue: Johannesburg International Transport Interchange (JITI)

Address: 66 Harrison Street, Johannesburg, 2001

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### MEDIA ENQUIRIES:

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