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City Manager Inspects Brixton Reservoir as Major Water Infrastructure Upgrades Move Forward

The City of Johannesburg's City Manager, Dr Floyd Brink, yesterday conducted a visit to the new Brixton Reservoir, where ongoing water infrastructure upgrades and refurbishment plans were discussed. These upgrades are part of our broader initiative to improve infrastructure and ensure the long-term sustainability of water supply.

“The Brixton Reservoir project represents the City’s commitment to building resilient infrastructure that can meet the needs of a growing metro,” said City Manager, Dr Floyd Brink. “We are approaching the finish line, and the progress here shows what coordinated planning and investment can achieve. Residents in the area can expect improved reliability in water supply as we complete this critical upgrade.”

Water demand in the Brixton Supply has increased significantly since the Reservoir and Tower were commissioned in 1917, driven by population growth, densification through new flat developments, and expanding commercial areas. These factors have led to acute and persistent water outages in the water district.

The scope of works includes constructing a new 26 megalitres ground reservoir, a 200l/s pump station, and a 2 megalitres tower, along with installing pipework to reconfigure the new water and tower zones. The project will also provide improved facilities for the school where the work is being carried out. The project will provide sufficient water storage for current and future demands.

The project is at 98% completion; the reservoir and tower are filled with water, and testing and commissioning is underway.

Joburg Water’s Managing Director, Ntshavheni Mukwevho, said: “Completing this reservoir and tower is a major step forward for Joburg Water’s infrastructure programme. The improved capacity, coupled with better distribution infrastructure, will ensure more stable water delivery to the network. We thank residents for their patience as we finalise the project.”

In addition, we are committed to improving community facilities. Drop-off facilities for parents will be completed by January 15th, coinciding with the reopening of schools, to

facilitate smoother school runs. Furthermore, improvements are underway at the netball court and sports field to promote healthy lifestyles and active recreation.

Traffic management around the University of Johannesburg (UJ) is also a priority. A traffic relief plan will be commissioned on December 15th, with some testing already in progress. Areas affected by the new water infrastructure are expected to start receiving water from this Friday (05 December 2025), marking another step forward in our service delivery interventions.

Chairperson of the Joburg Water Board Dineo Majavu added: “The Board is proud of the progress made here and across our infrastructure portfolio. These upgrades are not just engineering projects - they are investments in dignity, public health, and future economic growth. We will continue to ensure that Joburg Water delivers on its mandate to serve all communities.”

The City is also pleased to announce that the International Finance Corporation (IFC) funding approval was secured on 02 December 2025. This funding is a significant milestone, enabling us to enhance maintenance capacity and ensure the longevity of our water infrastructure assets. It further allows the City to secure and ring-fence Joburg Water’s budget specifically for infrastructure upgrades and refurbishment.

“Securing IFC funding is a turning point for the City,” stated the Group Chief Financial Officer, Tebogo Moraka. “This investment not only strengthens our financial sustainability but also ensures that we can protect and expand Joburg Water’s infrastructure budget. It is a vote of confidence in the City’s long-term planning and governance.”

Contractors have been mobilised and will be actively working on various projects across the city for the next 12 months. Their presence ensures that our refurbishment and upgrade initiatives stay on track and deliver lasting benefits to our residents.

The City remains dedicated to delivering essential services and infrastructure upgrades that benefit all residents. Further updates will be provided to all stakeholders as projects progress.

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