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# **MERAUFONG CITY**

## **LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

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### **PRESS STATEMENT**

The municipality has in the recent past experienced high instances of vandalism and damage to municipal infrastructure, resulting in losses to the value of Millions of rands. Electrical Infrastructure was specifically targeted, resulting in electricity outages and the malfunctioning of water and sewer pump stations. Several sewage spillages have been experienced. These occurrences have a serious impact on municipal service delivery and impact negatively on the financial position of the municipality. Services disruptions also impact negatively on our communities and businesses.

The most recent incidents in Wedela and Khutsong South Extensions were due to theft and vandalism of infrastructure. Frequent electricity outages were experienced in Wedela over the past two months and during the night of 04 June 2019 Khutsong South Extensions were affected as a result of vandalism.

The municipality has engaged law enforcement services to assist in this regard, but without the support of our communities the Municipality is fighting a losing battle. There are forces that are working against the municipality and we do not know what objectives they want to achieve. These criminals move from one place to another across Meraufong to damage the infrastructure. The municipality acknowledges the role that some Community Policing Forums (CPF's) play in combating crime and securing municipal infrastructure. The Welverdiend CPF is a good example on how communities can assist the authorities in protecting

infrastructure and combatting crime. It is the Municipality's wish that all communities will actively participate in such structures.

The municipality apologizes for the frequent electricity outages in some of our communities and will do everything in its ability to attend to such outages as quick as possible.

Anybody with information on vandalism of infrastructure must please avail such information to the office of the Municipal Manager at 018 7889500 or report the matter to the South African Police Services. All information will be treated anonymous.

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**Municipal Manager  
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