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JRA'S ASPHALT PLANT BACK ONLINE: JRA KICKSTARTS #OPERATIONRESTORE IN ELDORADO PARK

The **City of Johannesburg**, through the **Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA)** is pleased to announce that its Asphalt Plant is now fully operational as of Monday, 19 January 2026. This follows the successful completion of a critical annual maintenance programme designed to stabilize production and meet Johannesburg's high demand for road repairs. The city is now equipped to tackle the road repairs and maintenance backlog head-on.

The JRA-owned asphalt plant's maintenance intervention was essential for the high-duty machinery, which operates under continuous strain. By following engineering best practices, the entity has restored optimal performance levels, materially reducing the risk of unplanned breakdowns during the remainder of the financial year. **JRA Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Zweli Nyathi** confirmed, "The successful completion of this maintenance programme positions the JRA to enter 2026 with a stable and reliable production platform. This proactive intervention was necessary to ensure we can intensify delivery and improve road quality during the current rainy season. We are now in a position to significantly limit downtime and ensure our regional teams have the hot mix asphalt required to fix the City's roads."

With production restored, the JRA kickstarted the 2026 #OperationRestore #OperationLungisa #OperationLokisa #OperasieHerstel programme on Thursday, 22 January 2026 in Eldorado Park (Region G), and this week, Friday 30 January 2026 the team will be working in Naledi, Soweto (region D) before expanding to all regions across the City of Johannesburg.

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The **Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Transport, Cllr. Kenny Kunene**, stated, "I am pleased to confirm that we are now moving from planning to rapid production and repairs. Through #OperationRestore, JRA is prioritizing high-usage arterials (Class 1 to Class 3 roads) that are critical to the City's economy. We are also focused on clearing the backlog of resident complaints that were exacerbated by recent heavy rains. Our citizens deserve quality roads, and this rollout is a testament to our commitment to service delivery."

To ensure a high-impact recovery phase for January, all JRA regional depots will be prioritising road repairs in:

- **High-Impact Corridors:** Focusing on mobility corridors with the highest traffic volumes.
- **Clearing of Backlogs:** Integrating outstanding resident requests into the January work programmes.
- **Rainfall Response:** Ensuring rapid response times to infrastructure failures caused by recent weather patterns.
- **Coordinated Scheduling:** Working closely with stakeholders to ensure seamless service delivery.

The JRA is committed to restoring the City's road network to a safe and traversable condition for all motorists and residents.

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The Johannesburg Roads Agency (JRA) is a municipal-owned entity responsible for the maintenance, repair and development of Johannesburg's road network and storm water infrastructure, including bridges and culverts, traffic signals and signage. The organisation is committed to providing quality roads that are accessible, safe, and liveable for our communities. Stay in touch with JRA via 0860 562 874/ hotline@jra.org.za /twitter [@MyJra](https://twitter.com/MyJra) /Facebook: Johannesburg Roads Agency so that we may be of service.

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