



Joburg Property Company (JPC)

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Joburg Property Company Brings Convenience to Ivory Park Commuters and Refurbishes Existing Facilities

JOHANNESBURG. Joburg Property Company (JPC), an agency of the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) that manages the property portfolio, unveils brand new Green Public Convenience (PC) Facility, in Region A, Ivory Park, on 20th February 2017.

A first of its kind in the area, the appealing vandal-proof PC is a 101m² property containing male and female toilets including facilities for persons with disabilities, as well as a baby change room. The PC is positioned within close proximity to an Informal Taxi Rank and also close to Eskom pay offices.

Designed with Green Technology, this facility is environmentally friendly with flat concrete roof that allows better insulation. This also makes capturing and channeling rainwater easier. In addition, it was built with breeze blocks with openings that allow for the free flow of air and permanent ventilation.

"The City of Johannesburg's objective is to build a greener city to minimise the impact on the environment. This is one of the priorities stipulated in the City's GDS 2040 Strategy. Therefore as a Municipal Entity, the JPC is proud to introduce a facility with durable modern material that will aide in the reduction of water and electricity consumption," says Helen Botes CEO of JPC.

Botes was referring to the use of polycarbonate sheeting with solar shields which provide more natural lighting and meteried water-saving taps. Two 5000 litre water storage tanks for rainwater collection will be used for cleaning and filling the toilets.

"With the current water crisis, the City is required to reduce water usage by 15%, so its important for us to ensure this goal is met by developing buildings and facilities that will not deplete our natural resources further," she added.

Commuters will be ensured comfort with an upmarket feel, modern floor finishes, scratch resistant walls and ceiling, floor drains and partition walls elevated off the floor for easy cleaning.

Security measures to curb vandalism were taken into consideration, with vandal proof features installed to the facility. The project has created about 15 jobs in the area and is expected to be ready for use this month.

It is anticipated that this PC will cater for 300 people per hour who travel through Ivory Park. Previously there were no facilities and the public had to rely on the toilets at the Kopanong Shopping Center and a motel around the area.

JPC is also planning to build a container model facility in Region D, Dube and are currently constructing a Container Precinct with Ablution Facilities in Region C, Florida. Also on the cards is a roll out of more PC's. Twenty one sites are still in planning phase.

Recently the entity embarked on a series of maintenance and refurbishment of its existing PC's in the City, which total to 77. The work started on the 1st of December last year in Region F, in the inner city as in keeping with the Executive Mayor's 10 point plan. Maintenance on ablution facilities in Kwa Mai Mai in Jeppestown, King George, Joubert Park, Hoek Street and Sanlam Centre in the city centre has been completed.

The efforts will continue in other regions and it is expected that by end of April 2017 all Public Convenience Facilities managed by JPC will be repaired and restored to be just that, convenient. This project is in keeping with the City's Transport Orientated Development strategy.

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