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Media Statement

Subject : Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality condemns the spread of misinformation that undermines public confidence

Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality has noted with serious concern the circulation of misleading and false information on social media platforms alleging that the Municipality is "sinking", that residents can no longer make electronic payments, that government funding has been suspended due to corruption, and that this will result in increased electricity and water outages.

The Municipality wishes to categorically state that these allegations are false, irresponsible, and misleading.

There has been no suspension of government funding to Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality on the basis of corruption, nor has any competent authority issued such a finding. Any claims suggesting otherwise are devoid of factual basis and serve only to create unnecessary panic and mistrust among residents and stakeholders.

Regarding electronic payments, the Municipality confirms that no deliberate shutdown of electronic payment systems has occurred. Should there be any intermittent technical challenges experienced by service providers or banking platforms, these are operational matters that are addressed promptly through established service channels and do not indicate institutional collapse or financial distress.

Furthermore, the Municipality remains fully committed to ensuring uninterrupted service delivery within the constraints faced by local government nationally. There is no basis for the alarmist claims that residents should expect increased power or water shortages as a direct result of the allegations being circulated.

The Municipality strongly condemns the spread of misinformation that undermines public confidence, damages institutional credibility, and unnecessarily distresses communities. Residents are encouraged to rely only on official municipal communication platforms for accurate and verified information.

Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality remains transparent, accountable, and dedicated to serving its community responsibly and ethically. Where legitimate challenges arise, these will always be communicated openly and honestly through the appropriate channels.

The Municipality reserves its rights to take appropriate action against individuals or entities who knowingly disseminate false information that may harm the institution or the community it serves.

For further enquiries, members of the public may contact the Municipal Communications Office at 083 477 6819.

Regards,

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Mr A Pholose
Acting Municipal Manager

Released by Communications Unit
On behalf of the Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality