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Dear Cllr. Khalipha

URGENT REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION REGARDING ONGOING SEWAGE SPILLAGES IN LIMA AND NORMAN STREETS, RIEBEECKSTAD

AfriForum hereby submits this urgent request for intervention regarding the ongoing sewage spillages affecting residents of Lima and Norman Streets in Riebeeckstad.

AfriForum has received complaints from concerned residents indicating that raw sewage has been overflowing into the streets on a recurring basis and, in some instances, backing up into residential properties and homes. These spillages are causing damage to private property, creating unhygienic living conditions, and posing significant health and environmental risks to affected residents and the broader community.

It is further alleged that these sewage-related problems have persisted for an extended period and form part of a recurring pattern of sewer blockages and infrastructure failures within the area. Residents have reportedly lodged numerous complaints, yet the problem remains unresolved.

The continued discharge of untreated sewage into public spaces constitutes a serious service delivery failure and raises concerns regarding the municipality's obligation to maintain essential sanitation infrastructure and to ensure a safe and healthy environment for its residents.

Considering the above, AfriForum respectfully requests that the Matjhabeng Local Municipality:

1. conduct an urgent investigation into the cause of the sewage spillages in Lima and Norman Streets;
2. implement immediate remedial measures to stop the current sewage overflow;
3. provide a comprehensive action plan outlining how the municipality intends to address the underlying causes of these recurring sewer failures; and

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4. furnish AfriForum with written feedback regarding the actions taken and planned interventions.

Given the severity of the matter and its impact on residents, AfriForum requests a written response within seven (7) days of receipt of this correspondence.

Should the municipality fail to provide satisfactory feedback or demonstrate meaningful progress within the stipulated period, AfriForum reserves the right to consider further action to protect the interests and constitutional rights of affected residents.

We trust that the municipality will appreciate the urgency of this matter and act without delay to restore acceptable sanitation conditions in the affected area.

Kind regards

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