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## **Media Statement**

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## JPC CEO Musah Makhunga Commends Dedicated Employees and Sets Bold Vision at Long Service Awards

The Joburg Property Company (JPC), an entity of the City of Johannesburg, celebrated its dedicated employees at the annual Long Service Awards, held to honour staff members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment and loyalty to the organisation.

Addressing employees during the ceremony at Braampark on Monday, JPC Chief Executive Officer Mr Musah Makhunga applauded long-serving staff for their years of service and for playing a vital role in building a resilient organisation that continues to serve the people of Johannesburg with pride.

"The Long Service Awards are very special because they remind us that behind every successful project, every restored building, and every clean and safe public space, there are people," said Makhunga.

He added: "People who show up every day, whether in offices, on sites, or out in the field, make sure the work gets done.

Mr Makhunga emphasised that JPC is entering a new chapter one driven by teamwork, discipline, and shared accountability. He highlighted that every employee, regardless of their role, plays a critical part in the success of the organisation.

"To our general workers, the foundation of this company, your work matters. You are not invisible. The cleanliness, safety, and dignity of this city depend on what you do each day. Without you, JPC cannot deliver its mandate, and Johannesburg cannot thrive," he said.

"As your new CEO, my vision is simple but bold: to build a world-class property management company that not only serves the City of Johannesburg with pride, but also empowers its employees and uplifts communities."

He encouraged management teams to lead with humility, transparency, and purpose, fostering a culture where every person feels valued and proud to wear the JPC badge.

Mr Makhunga reaffirmed that excellence, integrity, and unity will remain the cornerstone values guiding JPC's journey forward ,excellence because good enough is not good enough for Johannesburg; integrity because the trust of the public is sacred; and unity because when the company stands together, no challenge is too great.

Highlighting JPC's recent achievements, Mr Makhunga noted the organisation's recognition by Topco Media as a Top Gender Empowered Company, describing it as a collective triumph for all employees.

"This recognition tells the world that JPC is serious about giving everyone, regardless of gender or background, a fair chance to grow and lead. It shows that JPC is truly becoming an employer of choice," he said.

He also acknowledged JPC's growing influence in the property and development sector through its participation in industry platforms such as SAIBPP and SAPOA, which continue to strengthen partnerships and elevate the company's leadership profile.

Mr Makhunga further highlighted the CEO/City Partnership initiative with the Executive Mayor and the private sector as a reflection of JPC's critical role in connecting people, businesses, and government to advance Johannesburg's economic and developmental goals.

Among those honoured was Mr Rampuru Motla, a JPC veteran who has served the company for an impressive 40 years as a general worker. Motla reflected on his journey, saying:

"Dedication and respect for your job are what have carried me through my four decades of service. When you take pride in what you do, the years pass with purpose." he said.

Also recognised was Ms Venetia Ngqulana from Region E, who celebrated five years of service. She expressed her joy and pride in receiving her certificate of recognition.

"I'm happy to receive this certificate because it shows that the entity takes me seriously and values the work I do. It also reflects how dedicated I am as an employee," said Ngqulana.

Concluding his address, Mr Makhunga acknowledged Men's Health Month (Movember), encouraging employees to prioritise their wellbeing and engage in open discussions around men's physical and mental health.

"We recognise our men and the health issues they are often silent about. This month, we will create opportunities to engage on men's topical issues. You are important," he added.

## **Ends**

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