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**Merafong City Local Municipality**

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Dear Sirs/Madam.

**RE: FOCHVILLE – RAND WATER REDUCTION IN WATER SUPPLY**

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We confirm that our offices act on behalf of our client, the Concerned Citizens of Fochville (CCF), who instructed our offices to address this letter to you, as we hereby do, relating to the Merafong City Local Municipality.

In our previous letters to your offices, we advised that a human catastrophe would unfold within the resort of Merafong. This is now unfolding!!

Whilst ordinary citizen's livelihoods are trampled upon it seems that your offices have made no effort to properly address the disaster unfolding at Fochville and that you have, at best, paid lip service to our letters, stating that the issues are being addressed. Your offices have turned a blind eye and you have failed to deliver services to the community.

Recent photos (annexed hereto marked "Annexure A") from sewage spillages are attached hereto displaying inhumane conditions that people find themselves in as a direct result of poor service delivery. Is it humane to expect from ordinary (often indigent) citizens to reside in the middle of a sewage dam?

We, again and urgently, invite you to engage with our offices to register measures put in place to have these sewage spills addressed!

Our clients also recently discovered that your offices are failing to pay Rand Water for the potable bulk water supply and that your offices have an arrear account of R838 237 998.06! From Tuesday, 27 February 2024, some of our clients have experienced a water pressure reduction and our clients or client members in at least 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Protea street, Jacaranda street, Malva Street and Kosmos ave experienced a total drying of the water supply.

Our clients, for one, do not believe the recent article in the Herald that Rand Water is limiting pressure as a result of climate change, this is an absurd coverup by your offices failing to make payments due to Rand Water. The concoction of facts is dishonest.

Our client also does not believe the excuse of a system balancing exercise that Rand Water is doing, as for the past years no such exercises were conducted. The stratagem is clear: the supply of water is choked to, on the one hand, force the Municipality to settle their debts with Rand Water and, on the other hand, to implement a mechanism through which the rise in debt is curtailed.

Turning to your public letter of 28 February 2024: it is totally unacceptable that areas are without water as a result of your offices failure to make payment of accounts. This speak volumes about your offices inability to render proper services to the community.

We await your urgent reply addressing the sewage crisis and potable water supply crisis. Your response will certainly determine the way forward. Absent a meaningful response, our client may be compelled to call on the Courts to force the Municipality to give effect to its constitutional obligations. In such instance, you will be held liable for costs on a punitive scale.

Yours faithfully

Andreas Peens

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andreas Peens', written in a cursive style.







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