

Attacq denies allegations of illegal water connections at Waterfall City

JSE-listed Attacq has refuted allegations from the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) related to illegal water connections at some of the properties under its management in Waterfall City.



[News24 reported earlier this week](#) that the estate was one of the largest targets for the city in its work against illegal water connections, and cited spokesperson for the city's Group Forensic and Investigation Services Unit Lucky Sindane as saying that "a number of water meters were installed at the estate without the standard procurement processes".

The investigation is part of the CoJ's Operation Buya Mthetho, launched in February this year "aimed at enforcing bylaws and bringing back the rule of law to the City of Johannesburg". According to New24, two developers connected to the allegations have [since been arrested](#).

No Attacq staff arrested

"We are aware of the allegations in relation to water theft in the Waterfall area and understand from news reported on 30th May 2018 that 'two property developers have been arrested'. We would like to place on record that none of our staff have been arrested. We are also aware of reference made to an amount of R8.2m which was collected with regards to water meters and would like to confirm that Attacq is not a party to this payment," said Melt Hamman, interim CEO of Attacq, in a statement.

"We do not condone the illegal use and connections of water and are concerned to learn of inferences relating to properties in our portfolio, said Attacq chief operating officer Jackie van Niekerk.

"We have the relevant documentation at hand and have approached CoJ to request clarity on this matter. We will be in a position to provide further comment once we have met with CoJ and due process has been followed."

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