

Two confirmed arrests related to alleged illegal water connections at Waterfall City

Waterfall Management Company confirmed on Friday, 1 June, the arrest of two of its employees in relation to allegations of illegal water meter connections at Waterfall City in Midrand. According to CEO Willie Vos, the two have since been released on unopposed bail and will assist in the ongoing investigation.



"We take these allegations against employees extremely seriously and will fully cooperate with the authorities in their attempt to address the problem of corruption in South Africa. Investigations are continuing and should any untoward practice be found, we will take immediate corrective action, in line with ethical business practices and legal requirements," said Vos.

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

Operation Buya Mthetho

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".



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Property company Attacq also responded to the allegations last week with chief operating officer Jackie van Niekerk saying, "We do not condone the illegal use and connections of water and are concerned to learn of any inferences relating to properties in our portfolio."

"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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