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**MEDIA STATEMENT
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**OPERATION TO REMOVE ILLEGAL ELECTRICITY CONNECTIONS IN
WARD 5 AND 8**

Illegal electrical connections are a huge concern for Midvaal Local Municipality (MLM).

The electrical outages caused by these illegal electrical connections worsen during the winter season. These illegal connections have increased in volume recently, leading to frequent outages in some areas of Ward 5 and Ward 8.

MLM is concerned about the risk to residents' safety posed by these illegal connections. There have previously been deaths reported due to these unsafe connections.

On the 6th and the 7th of June 2022, MLM, external stakeholders, and the South African Police Service (SAPS) conducted an operation to remove the illegal connections. This operation is conducted in an effort to decrease the number of injuries reported, as well as to stabilise our electrical infrastructure.

MLM, External Stakeholders and the SAPS will continue to monitor the area. MLM is also currently in the process of improving bulk infrastructure in the affected areas to mitigate against future outages in the areas.

Please report any illegal connections on these platforms:

0861 643 8225 OR complaints@midvaal.gov.za

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