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MEDIA STATEMENT

TO: ALL MEDIA HOUSES (ASSIGNMENT EDITORS, EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS)

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**SUBJECT: FORMER EMPLOYEES OF BOJANALA PLATINUM DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY
ARRESTED BY THE HAWKS**

Rustenburg: The Bojanala Platinum District Municipality has noted with keen interest the arrest of its four (4) former employees, including former Chief Whip and one (1) service provider, by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI), commonly known as the HAWKS on Monday, 17 March 2025.

These arrests were the outcome of an investigation led by the HAWKS' Serious Commercial Crime Investigation team, probing claims that they defrauded the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality of more than R25 million between December 2018 and May 2019. Among other things, investigations indicated that R2 million was transferred from the service provider's bank account to the former CFO's company account.

Charges vary from fraud, money laundering, breach of the Municipal Finance Management Act and corruption. The arrests of two more service providers is anticipated according to the police.

All defendants have been remanded in custody as the case is set to resume on Thursday, 20 March 2025, for a formal bail application.

The municipality wishes to express confidence on the law enforcement agencies which are as the result of implementation of consequence management and opening of cases with SAPS & HAWKS as resolved by the municipal council.

The municipality will continue to monitor developments whilst praising the joint efforts of the HAWKS and NPA in holding the accused accountable.

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