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UPDATE ON THE INDEFINITE CLOSURE OF THE JOHANNESBURG CENTRAL LIBRARY

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Two weeks ago, the Johannesburg Heritage Foundation (JHF) issued a [public statement](#) regarding the indefinite closure of the Johannesburg Central Library.

In this statement, our main request was to get access to the reports used to determine that the library facility was unsafe for occupation.

We are gratified that our statement got considerable support from the media and the public, and we received over 100 letters from concerned citizens.

Thanks to this support, we are pleased to note that the requested reports have now been received from the City of Joburg (COJ). Our team is going through the reports and intend engaging constructively with the relevant authorities to determine when and how the library can be safely reopened.

Furthermore, the COJ has acknowledged our interest and we will be invited to attend future Project Stakeholder Meetings once they resume in February.

Rest assured that the JHF will continue to keep a close eye on any further developments (or non-developments), especially from a heritage perspective.

We hope to have some positive news in this regard soon.

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