THE JOHANNESBURG ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION

Dear Members

The JAA's Property Committee is in ongoing liaison with the COJ's top management regarding various property/conveyancing related issues, including the delays currently experienced by practitioners requesting rates clearance figures, and obtaining rates clearance certificates after payment of figures (amongst other things).

We are advised that presently there is no delay in relating to obtaining rates clearance figures, but that there is a delay of approximately two weeks when it comes to obtaining the rates clearance certificates after payment of the figures.

COJ's management are aware of, and working on the problem, including the hiring of additional resources.

We at the JAA will continue our liaison in order to assist members as much as possible. We are also liaising with the World Bank's "Ease of Doing Business" Forum to progress the electronic roll out of clearance certificates by the COJ as smoothly as is possible.

JAA members with ongoing issues can contact Caren Sutherns, sutherns@icon.co.za, or Chantelle Gladwin-Wood, Gladwin-wood@schindlersattorneys.com if further assistance is required in property/conveyancing related matters pertaining to the COJ.

To sign up to the JAA visit our website, www.jaa.org.za or email viv@jaa.org.za for more information.

The International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group is conducting research to understand the impact of reforms made by the City of Johannesburg's Development Rates Clearance Department. We aim to understand the cost savings for the private sector (applicant/owner) for applying for rates clearance certificates. Your personal information will not be shared. The survey should take you no longer than 10 minutes. Please contact Rakesh Beekum, rbeekum@ifc.org if any further clarification is required.

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