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Auditor-General of South Africa sets the record straight on the audit of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality

**PRETORIA** – The Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) has noted the unfortunate and misleading public statements that the national audit office has delayed the release of the Ekurhuleni Metro's 2022-23 audit report.

The AGSA confirms that it had completed the metro's audit on time, however the municipality's management has raised a dispute with the national audit office regarding their audit outcome for the 2022-23 financial year, which caused the delay in tabling the report. The matter is being handled by the two parties in line with the AGSA's longstanding dispute-resolution processes.

For many years, we have succesfully used these processes to settle audit disputes in a fair manner, as guided by the Public Audit Act and the International Standards on Auditing. It is also worth noting that the national audit office is committed to carry its constitutional mandate impartially, without fear, favour or prejudice to all those we audit. As South Africa's supreme audit institution, we conduct our work in a manner that aims to benefit the people of South Africa at all times. This is what the Constitution and the PAA oblige us to do.

## End.

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