

Pikitup's new fleet to improve service delivery

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JOHANNESBURG: Residents in the jurisdiction of the City of Johannesburg will now get an improved waste management service.



This comes after the City's Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC), Matshidiso Mfikoe, unveiled 31 branded Pikitup trucks in Johannesburg on Wednesday, 3 April 2013.

"This new fleet will help to ensure that our inner-city is always clean. As a world class African city, we want to accelerate an improved, adequate and efficient waste management service to our people.

"In order to keep our city clean, we need everyone, including the business industry and our tourists, to refrain from littering and start throwing their rubbish in designated waste bins. If we want to preserve our city, we need to start practicing environmentally friendly habits now," she said.

Pikitup will take delivery of the new consignment of vehicles over a period of three months, which consists of 20 compactors and 11 street cleaning trucks, with a combined cost of approximately R49.2 million.

Mfikoe said the new fleet with the branding 'Visible service delivery' will not only reduce the number of long-term vehicles, but they will also reduce all forms pollution.

"These trucks are complying with the latest Euro 3 emission standards because we are committed to reduce all forms of pollution," she said.

Pikitup managing director Amanda Nair said the unveiling of the new fleet was a clear indication that they were moving towards becoming a leading waste management city on the African continent, if not in the world.

"We want to become a global leader in terms of waste management and with this fleet, residents can now expect an

improved service delivery.

"These vehicles are the property of the residents and business of the city. The new trucks and equipment have the latest technology installed and fitted to suit the operating environment of our city."

Nair said to ensure that they were well looked after and maintained, all drivers would be trained to safely operate the new trucks.

All the compactors have been fitted with bin counting equipment linked to satellite tracking and the amount of bins loaded between trips to landfill sites will be monitored to prevent overloading of the equipment.

Again, weighbridges at the landfill sites are being serviced to ensure accurate weighing of loads.

Residents are urged to inform Pikitup management when they see trucks being misused by calling 0860 562 874.

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