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GISING BY-PASS: YEAR TWO OF AGONY

In the heart of the city, a seemingly never-ending saga of frustration and chaos unfolds as the Gising By-pass Road's major construction project marks its second year, leaving residents in the grip of inconvenience and uncertainty. Since its initiation on November 14, 2021, what was once hoped to be a swift transformation has turned into a relentless ordeal for those navigating through the construction maze. As dust settles and detours become the new norm, the city finds itself held hostage by the ongoing construction on the Gising By-pass Road, with no clear end in sight.



Amid the seemingly endless turmoil surrounding the Gising By-pass Road's construction, the City's Mayor, Dominic Bacbac, has taken a drastic step, announcing legal actions against the contracted construction company, Cu & Pit Constructions. The bone of contention

revolves around the failure to complete the project within the stipulated timeframe. Mayor Bacbac expressed deep concern over the prolonged inconvenience faced by residents and the apparent lack of progress on the vital road.

Cu & Pit Constructions, on the other hand, presents a contrasting narrative. They claim that the city government's failure to disburse payments since the project's initiation has impeded their ability to allocate enough workforce. This financial deadlock, according to the construction company, is the primary reason behind the project's slow advancement. They argue that the city must fulfill its financial commitments for them to expedite the construction effectively.

However, a surprising revelation from the Commission on Audit challenges both Cu & Pit Constructions' and the city government's stances. The COA report, confirming the Gising By-pass Road project as officially declared 100% completed as of January 2022, along with the release of all allocated funds from the Department of Budget and Management, directly contradicts the contractor's claim of non-payment by the city government. This glaring inconsistency not only discredits the construction company's financial justification but also raises serious doubts about the city government's assertions. The contradiction now places the transparency and accountability of both parties under intense scrutiny, leaving residents and authorities perplexed amid the ongoing construction conundrum.