

MEDIA STATEMENT

Three more municipalities avoid supply interruption

Monday, 16 January 2017: Eskom has suspended planned supply interruptions to three more municipalities after reaching payment agreements with Dihlabeng and Masilonyana municipalities in the Free State Province; and Mamusa in the North West Province.

Echoing the positive developments, Interim Chief Executive Matshela Koko said: “We have always emphasised the fact that electricity interruptions are the last resort available to us, which we have taken agonisingly. We are immensely encouraged by the kind of response we are witnessing presently.”

Mr Koko said that Eskom will be monitoring the strict adherence to the payment plans. “Time has come for the outstanding overdue debt to be honoured in full. Eskom is bent on ensuring that this happens for the sole benefit of, not only Eskom, but the entire South African economy,” he said.

To avoid supply interruptions, the municipalities need to meet the following three requirements:

- A cash payment as negotiated with each municipality
- A written undertaking in the form of a Council Resolution that current accounts will be honoured going forward
- A payment plan for the arrears supported by a Council Resolution

Eskom will continue with the supply interruptions of electricity to the remaining municipalities between 06h00 – 08h00 and 17h00 – 19h30 (Monday to Friday) and 08h30 – 11h00 and 15h00 – 17h30 (Saturday and Sunday)..

Being a socially aware entity, Mr Koko said, we opted for a less invasive method of collection. “It cannot be overemphasised that relevant laws and agreements permit Eskom to effect 100% electricity disconnections upon non-payment, subject to the prescribed due processes. But we did not exercise this option.”

The supply interruptions will continue as follows:

NORTHERN CAPE

Local municipality	Affected towns	Date on which interruption will commence
Ubuntu	Victoria-Wes	18 January 2017
	Richmond	
Renosterberg	Van der Kloof	18 January 2017
	Petrusville	
	Phillipstown	

NORTH WEST

Local municipality	Affected towns	Date on which interruption will commence
Ventersdorp	Ventersdorp	16 January 2017
	Tshing Township	
	Appledraai	
	Buffelsvlei	
	Boikhutso	
	Toevlug	
	Doornkop	
Naledi	Vryburg	16 January 2017
	Stella	
Lekwa-Teemane	Bloemhof	18 January 2017
	Christiana	

Maquassi Hills	Wolmaransstad	18 January 2017
Madibeng	Brits	18 January 2017
	Industrial Area	
	Lethabile	
	Oukasie	
	Damonsville	
	Elandsrand	
	Priminidia	
Kgetleng Rivier	Koster	18 January 2017
	Swartruggens	

MPUMALANGA

Local municipality	Affected towns	Date on which interruption will commence
eMalahleni	Doornpoort	23 January 2017
	Kwaguqa	
	Witbank	
	Churchill	
Mkhondo	Piet Retief	
	Amsterdam	
Mbombela	Mbombela Stadium/ Ilanga Mall	
	Riverside/ Nelsrivier	
	White River	
	Nelspruit	
Lekwa	Standerton	



Msukaligwa	Ermelo
Chief Albert Luthuli	Carolina Town
	Silobela

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