

MEDIA STATEMENT

Eskom suspends supply interruptions to 5 municipalities who have paid

Sunday, 15 January 2017: Eskom has suspended planned supply interruptions to five municipalities and confirms that payments have been received and payment plans agreed upon with Nketoana, Nala, Tokologo, and Mantsopa municipalities in the Free State Province; and Walter Sisulu municipality in the Eastern Cape Province.

Eskom will be monitoring the strict adherence to the payment plans and the payment of current accounts of these municipalities and any defaults will result in the interruption of supply without further notice.

Eskom will continue with the supply interruptions of electricity to the remaining municipalities as follows:

FREE STATE

Local municipality	Affected towns	Date on which interruption will commence
Dihlabeng	Bethlehem	16 January 2017
	Fouriesburg	
	Rosendal	
	Paul Roux	
	Fateng-Tse-Ntsho	
	Panorama	
	Groenvoerlande	
Masilonyana	Theunissen	16 January 2017
	Brandfort	
	Winburg	
	Verkeerdevelei	

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	
Mamusa	Schweizer-Reneke	16 January 2017
Naledi	Vryburg	16 January 2017
	Stella	
Lekwa-Teemane	Bloemhof	18 January 2017

	Christiana	
Maquassi Hills		18 January 2017
	Wolmaransstad	
Madibeng	Britstown	18 January 2017
	Industrial Area	
	Letlhabile	
	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	

As previously communicated, the interruption of supply as a result of non-payment remains an agonising decision for Eskom, we take solace in the fact that we spared no effort to collect outstanding debts amicably. Eskom inter alia embarked on an extended Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000 (PAJA) process, engaged all relevant and affected stakeholders, including the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) and National Treasury, entered into multiple payment plans and offered the suppression of future interest, as an incentive.

In spite of the fact that both the provisions of the Electricity Regulation Act 4 of 2006 and supply agreements (with the municipalities) empower Eskom to disconnect electricity completely, Eskom has opted for a softer approach of interrupting electricity between 06h00 – 08h00 and 17h00 – 19h30 (Monday to Friday) and 08h30 – 11h00 and 15h00 – 17h30 (Saturday and Sunday).

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

Municipal customers are encouraged to engage with their supply authorities to get updated information on their municipalities' arrears situation.

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