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Dear Mr / Madam / Miss

ESKOM POWER CRISIS: THE BUSINESS CHAMBER'S STRATEGY

During the Business Chamber meeting on 17 May 2018, the Business Chamber's legal representatives discussed the possible options and recommended a strategy to prevent ESKOM's interventions in detail to its members and the community. This strategy briefly includes the following:

1. Businesses, homeowners' associations, retirement homes, retirement resorts, holiday resorts and individuals **must submit individual** objections to Eskom, which Eskom must consider before Eskom makes a final decision.
2. Objections must be submitted before **11 June 2018** to:

Attention: Rachel Sebola
SENIOR MANAGER: CUSTOMER SERVICES (ACTING)

Physical Address:

ESKOM OFFICES
66 HANS VAN RENSBURG STREET
POLOKWANE

Postal Address:

ESKOM HOLDINGS
PRIVATE BAG X9477
POLOKWANE
0700

EMAIL ADDRESS: LPExecActionTeam@eskom.co.za

A format of an objection is proposed in paragraph 7 below.

3. Meanwhile, the Business Chamber's legal team will continue to submit an application against the Provincial MEC Treasury and National Treasury in order to compel the Provincial and National Government to intervene in the management of the Modimolle-Mookgophong Municipality with a view to effectively put the municipality under administration.



4. Eskom will be joined as a respondent in the aforesaid application, since there are reasonable grounds to believe that Eskom also failed in their statutory obligations of reporting the default payments which contributed to the current outstanding debt.
5. The Chamber will also lodge a substantive objection with Eskom. For this purpose Mr. Mike Schussler (of "The Economist") was appointed to conduct an economic impact study on the implications of the proposed load shedding schedule, which will be included in the Chamber's representations and the court application(s). **Mr Mike Schussler will conduct an electronic research survey, which will be available for completion on the internet by every business and employer. The link of the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TLXMGGGB>. This link is accessible from desktops as well as by mobile phone.**
6. The above survey consists of 10 simple questions with options to answer, each of which is answered by the push of a button and should not take longer than 2 minutes to complete. The answers are processed by a central program that will then form part of the impact study. **It is therefore of the utmost importance that all businesses and employers complete this survey and, if this request is not supported, it may be detrimental to our efforts.**
7. For purposes of the presentations to Eskom, the following format is proposed:
 - 7.1 Heading of objection: Notice of Interruption of Bulk Electricity Supply to the Modimolle – Mookgophong Municipality dated 11 May 2018
 - 7.2 Name of Business / Organisation / Entity / Individual – the use of a proper letterhead will suffice;
 - 7.3 Physical address and full contact details;
 - 7.4 Nature of business. Should you submit an objection as an individual, please mention same in the objection;
 - 7.5 How long have you been a rate payer in Modimolle / Mookgophong – how many years?
 - 7.6 Nature of business. If you are submitting an objection as an individual, please indicate that you are submitting your objection as a "private individual and resident".
 - 7.7 Is your electricity bill paid to date?
 - 7.8 What was the average electricity bill for the past 3 or 6 months, per month.
 - 7.9 Do you make use of a pre-paid electricity consumption system or are you dependent on the municipal billing system?

- 7.10 How many employees do you employ? If you are a private resident, how many dependants in your household will be effected by the proposed electricity interruptions? Will your employees / dependants be affected by the proposed interruptions and if so, in what manner?
- 7.11 Are you dependant on continuous electricity supply? / How will you be affected by the proposed electricity interruptions?
- 7.12 Are you willing to pay your electricity bills directly to Eskom?
- 7.13 Do you require Eskom to engage directly with the community before a final decision is made by Eskom?

The Business Chamber is very concerned about the enormous economic damage that our towns may suffer, should ESKOM continue with their planned actions. Not only will it harm our business sector, but it will also have a big impact on employment, the reduction in disposable income in our economic environment that will ultimately have an impact on all development in our town through which each individual resident could be adversely affected.

You will therefore appreciate that the Chamber is obliged to approach professional experts for this purpose, which do have financial implications that cannot be borne by the Business Chamber and its members alone.

The Business Chamber urgently needs R200,000.00 to proceed to instruct their legal team to start the proposed process and a budget of approximately R500,000.00 is estimated for the entire process. (The initial R200,000.00 is **included** in the budget of R500,000.00.)

Although the Chamber relies heavily on its members to make financial contributions for this purpose, the Chamber is obliged to approach all other individuals in our community to contribute as well, no matter how small. Although R500,000.00 sounds like a huge amount of money, in Modimolle, for example, approximately 6,000 households earn a regular income. If only 2,000 households pay R100 per month for three months, we will already exceed the budget and therefore the budget is more than achievable.

If you are willing to support the Business Chamber, you can make your contribution to any of the following bank accounts:

- (i) Waterberg Sakekamer
First National Bank (FNB)
Modimolle Branch: 260 247
Current Account Number: 6236 0638 814
Reference: ESKOM LEGAL ACTION; or

(ii) Cilliers Reynders
ABSA Bank Branch Code: 333 845 (ACB 632 005)
Current Account Number: 405 2500 737
Reference: PHEYNS / MAT32720

The Business Chamber will regularly give feedback to the community and your consideration to assist the Business Chamber in this initiative is highly appreciated.

Kindly yours



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CHAIRMAN