

Eskom Stakeholders

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Dear Eskom Stakeholder,

### **PROGRESS ON THE ESKOM'S ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME FOR 2013/2014 CYCLE**

Eskom KwaZulu Natal Operating Unit would like to keep you informed on the progress of our electrification programme for 2013/2014. Electrification is a key service deliverable for our Government and for South Africans who have been waiting for electricity for a long time. All funding for the electrification programme is provided by Government through the integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP) under the Department of Energy (DoE). Eskom is a key role player in implementing the electrification programme on behalf of our Government.

Similarly Eskom KZN plays its role in implementing the plan agreed on an annual basis and gazetted to show our communities the final commitment of the plan. The fact about electrification in KZN is that as we move deeper into the rural areas the cost increases significantly due to lack of infrastructure and the houses being far from each other.

Around September 2013, Eskom identified some funding challenges related to the project management of the electrification programme in KZN for the 2013/14 cycle. Funding is key to meeting the targets and it was deemed to be important to have a thorough understanding of the challenges. Eskom decided to engage all relevant stakeholders such as Contractors; Consultants; Department of Energy (DoE) and internal stakeholders in order to understand the issues related to the use of the funds and find resolutions on how to address them for now and into the future programmes. This process has regretfully taken longer to complete and our investigations are still in progress.

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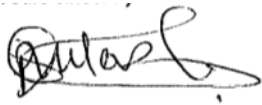
This letter serves to keep you as, our key stakeholder informed of the delays and request for your understanding and cooperation while we address the issues that may hamper our delivery programme. We will do everything possible to meet our target by managing the projects at a detailed level. It is acknowledged that some projects from the 2013/2014 programme may be rephrased into the 2014/2015 cycle. We will continue to communicate to all our stakeholders to keep them informed of the progress. Projects that have been impacted by our intervention will commence as soon as all issues have been adequately addressed.

Eskom as a state owned enterprise is committed to deliver on one of the key priorities of our government which is to provide electricity to our communities. We understand and appreciate the improvement made in the lives of our people when they are provided with electricity. We pledge to keep you informed so that you could convey the message to communities in. We have no doubt that together we can hold hands and continue to improve the lives of our communities for the better.

Should you wish for us to engage on a one on one regarding this matter, please feel free to contact us. Having said the above, KZN is a very huge province with 61 Municipalities, we would like to request that all electrification engagements be planned and executed at District level rather than per local municipality as this will be time consuming.

Should you require any further clarity or information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Zethu Sonjica, our **Senior Advisor: Stakeholder Management** on **031-7105134, 082 6887003** or e-mail **[sonjicz@eskom.co.za](mailto:sonjicz@eskom.co.za)**

Yours sincerely



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