

Launch of Waterkloof Substation

A Landmark Achievement

Rustenburg
Local Municipality



Rustenburg – The launch of the Waterkloof Substation on Friday August 26 has been described as a “landmark achievement” by the Executive Mayor of Rustenburg, Cllr. Mpho Khunou.

The growth of the world’s high-tech economy has spurred on world demand for semi-precious metals including Platinum, Palladium, Chrome, Manganese, Gold, Copper and other precious metals. The Rustenburg area is generously blessed with large quantities of these metals. Consequently, the Rustenburg local economy is positively stimulated, making Rustenburg the fastest growing city – not only in the country, but also in the whole of the SADC (Southern Africa Development Community) and the continent at large. However, with economic growth and city expansion, an increased demand for electricity is set in motion.

In his keynote address, Cllr. Khunou said the substation would go a long way in alleviating some of the challenges that the Platinum City faces in the area of electricity supply. “The launch of this substation is indeed a landmark achievement as it is one of the major components for our vision 2025,” Cllr. Khunou said. He also thanked the Department of Energy and Eskom for working hand-in-hand with the city of Rustenburg. The launch was also well-attended by several members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs) as we all as officials of the power

utility Eskom as well as the Department of Energy and other stakeholders. Cllr. Khunou reiterated, “We are very grateful for the partnership that we enjoy with the Department of Energy and we hope that it will not end here. We are also thrilled with Eskom, who have been there during our mayoral outreach programme.”

Mr. Stanley Matlawe revealed that the project amounted to an exorbitant sum of money and was optimistic that it would improve the electricity supply in this fast growing city. He stated, “The Department of Energy has contributed R50 million towards this project and the Rustenburg Local Municipality also contributed from their own coffers to secure this project.”

In his speech, MMC for Infrastructure and Technical Services (ITS) Cllr. Happy Serongwane said, “This project forms part of our 100 days programme and we hope that the success reached here today, would render electricity shortages something of the past.” The Waterkloof Substation will be situated in the Eastern area of Rustenburg and the capacity of the substation will be more than the existing substation electricity supplies to Rustenburg. Waterkloof will receive electrical power from Eskom via 88kV power lines. Construction of the substation began in June 2009, and the commissioning took

place on 4 January 2011. The total cost of the project, inclusive of land purchases, engineering, equipment acquisition and construction amounts to R104m. The amount excludes the estimated cost of R80million that is still payable for the Eskom connection onto their grid.

Cllr. Mpho Khunou added, “As the Rustenburg Local Municipality, we have identified provision of electricity to our community as one of the critical basic service delivery issues that affects the lives of our residents. We can be proud of this investment. This is the largest single electricity project ever undertaken by us.

This development will give prospective developers a comfortable security on their investments.”



Executive Mayor of Rustenburg Local Municipality, Cllr. Mpho Khunou

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