

R10 billion owed, Eskom continue its collection efforts



ESKOM DISMISS APPLICATIONS

The North Gauteng High Court on 5 January dismissed AfriForum's application with costs, including the costs of the two counsels.

In making his ruling, Judge Hans Fabricius emphasized that it is necessary to appreciate the context in which Eskom operates in the national economy, seen against the background of its Constitutional rights and obligations. The Court also emphasized the duties of municipalities to honour their obligations to Eskom.

AfriForum, et al, had sought to interdict Eskom's planned reduction of the supply of electricity to the defaulting municipalities. Arrears are located in municipalities in mainly the Free State, North West, Mpumalanga and Northern Cape Provinces.

AMOUNT OWED TO ESKOM RISEN TO R10.2 BILLION

The amount owed has risen to R10.2 billion, which grew over the past eight months from R6 billion. In the past five years, the overdue debt has increased tenfold with the March 2017 forecast being in excess of R12 billion.

UPDATE: 18 JAN: ESKOM CONTINUES WITH ITS REVENUE COLLECTION EFFORTS AGAINST NON-PAYING MUNICIPALITIES

On Wednesday, 18 January 2017, Eskom's debt collection efforts continued with the interruptions of bulk electricity supply to the North West municipalities of Naledi, Lekwa-Teemane and Kgetlengrivier, affecting the towns of Vryburg, Stella, Bloemhof, Christiana, Koster and Swaruggens.

In addition, the Northern Cape municipalities of Ubuntu and Renosterberg will also have their supply interrupted, with the affected towns being Victoria-West, Richmond, Van der Kloof, Petrusville and Philipstown.

As previously communicated, the power supply to the affected municipalities will be interrupted from 06h00 – 08h00 and 17h00 – 19h30 (Monday to Friday) and 08h30 – 11h00 and 15h00 – 17h30 (Saturday and Sunday).

Since the commencement of supply interruptions early this week, a number of municipalities have come forward with their payments and signed payment plans. As a result, these municipalities have had their supply interruptions suspended. There will thus be no supply interruptions in the Madibeng and Maquassi Hills municipalities in the North West Province.

"We are immensely encouraged by the kind of response we are witnessing presently and would like to thank all the municipalities that have made an effort to pay their accounts, and committed to their payment agreements," Eskom Interim Group Chief Executive Matshela Koko said. The interruption of supply as a result of non-payment remains an agonising decision for Eskom and is a means of last resort. "We take solace in the fact that we spared no effort to collect outstanding debts amicably."

Changing tyre next to road leads to accident

Rustenburg – Netcare 911 paramedics responded to an accident on the R30, about 20 kilometres from Rustenburg. The accident occurred on Wednesday morning at 10h21, 18 January 2017, Chris Botha, Netcare 911 spokesperson said.

Reports from the scene indicate that a man parked a truck at the side of the roadway to change a tyre. The vehicle was jacked up and the man crawled under the truck to get the spare. "According to eyewitnesses, another truck came hurtling past and with the wind created as it passed, it threw the truck off the jack, pinning the worker under the spare wheel," Botha added.

The Netcare 911 advanced life support paramedic and team arrived at the scene and with the help of the company employing the injured man, they managed to lift the truck. Medics then clambered under the truck to spinally immobilise the critically wounded 25-year old man.

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Submission of Pre-Qualifying Tenders

Construction of New Return Water Dam
Tender No: 2017/WKP/RR/AM/001

This contract covers, inter alia, all civil engineering construction activities required to construct a New Return Water Dam. The project entails, in principle, the following: • Fencing as per current specification and standard • Clear and grub the dam footprint area, including removal of any small obstructions and stripping of top soil • Dam footprint excavations for levelling and reconstruction of the turf bottom and top layers as part of the liner system by re-importing excavated turf from the basin back to the footprint • Construction of seepage detection and collection under drain system consisting of slotted geo-pipes inside subsurface drains discharging into manholes • Construction of perimeter starter walls • Supply and installation of 1.5mm HDPE membrane on top of the bottom clay layers inside the basin area • Superimposing of 2mm HDPE membrane on top of the final clay layer inside dam basin, including anchoring into a perimeter anchor trench • Construction of the toe drain system discharging to manholes • Construction of collector pipe system that discharges solution from the seepage detection drains and solution from the toe drains to the existing Pollution Control Dam • Construction of the penstocks with decant pipe system and connecting to their existing decant pipe system • Construction of stormwater runoff diversion drain • Construction of service road.

Interested parties are invited to submit their company profiles and the additional information (as listed in numerical order below) for consideration by Glencore Wonderkop Smelter as part of the tender process in respect of the construction activities required for the Construction of a New Return Water Dam.

The companies with the acceptable profiles/credentials, which adhere to the pre-qualification standards as specified below, will be formally invited to participate in a tender process.

The submission MUST include the following:

1. Company history
2. Current clientele/reference list
3. List of current projects: Full details including value, construction duration, resource allocation, etc
4. Company organogram: Full company human resources including details of outsourced/subcontracting companies, details of current personnel commitments on projects and indication of key responsibilities to each employee
5. Shareholding structure/certificate(s)
6. BEE Status/Certificate
7. Details of current largest project (in progress): References, duration, value etc
8. Project Manager credentials, qualifications, experience (who will be allocated for this project)
9. Project Surveyor credentials, qualifications, experience (who will be allocated for this project)
10. Project Safety Officer credentials, qualifications, experience (who will be allocated for this project)
11. Projects Scheduling: Submit an example of a detailed project schedule (preferably MS Projects format)
12. Company's financial statements for the past 3 years: 2013, 2014, 2015 (proof of the Company's financial capability to execute this project)
13. Proof of the company's existing HSEC Plan, HSEC organogram (example of Legal Appointment), HSEC record, etc
14. Company's Baseline Risk Assessment, including Risk Matrix
15. Proof of existing Quality and Assurance/Procedures/Quality Control Plan and associated Quality Control Documents
16. Proof of valid Public Liability Insurance
17. Details regarding litigation pending between contractors and existing clients
18. ISO accreditation 18001 and/or 9002 and/or 14001
19. Proof that the company has an effective communication policy/mechanism in place

If the company does not comply with all or any of the above requirements, it should be clearly indicated how the above requirements will be met.

Please ensure that the different sections in the submission are properly divided/ marked as per the numeric order indicated above.

No faxed/electronic/late submissions will be accepted.

The closing date and time for submission of company profiles is 31 January 2017 at 12:00.

Company profiles must be submitted in duplicate in the tender box in the Main Admin Building at Glencore Wonderkop Smelter, Marikana.

Company profiles must be submitted in writing, in a sealed envelope, marked with the tender name, tender number, tender administrator's name, closing date and time.

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Construction of Slimes Dam 4
Tender No: 2017/WKP/RR/AM/002

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