

Eskom Holdings SOC Limited  
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## **ESKOM UPDATES FINANCIAL MARKETS**

### **National Treasury announces debt relief measures for Eskom**

Reference is made to the Budget Speech made by the Minister of Finance, Enoch Godongwana on 22 February 2023.

Eskom welcomes the commitment made by the Government in the Budget Speech to provide Eskom with R254 billion of debt relief, by:

- advancing (i) R78 billion in FY 2023/24, (ii) R66 billion in FY 2024/25, and (iii) R40 billion in FY 2025/26, in each case in the form of subordinated, interest-free loans (convertible into equity) which must be used by Eskom to cover certain capital and interest payments on Eskom's existing financial indebtedness; and
- in addition to the above, the Government directly taking over R70 billion of Eskom's debt portfolio in FY 2025/26,

in each case, subject to Eskom satisfying or complying with certain conditions.

Addressing the frequency and severity of load-shedding remains a key priority for both Eskom and the Government. The Government support package, which is structured to cover a portion of Eskom's debt service costs over the next 36 months (in addition to the R70 billion debt takeover arrangement in FY 2025/26), will free up cash that would otherwise have been required to service the group's financial indebtedness, and allow Eskom to undertake immediate and much-needed capital and investment programmes required to reduce load-shedding and ensuring the long-term stability and security of electricity supply in the country.

Eskom looks forward to working closely and collaboratively with the Government on the implementation of the Government support package thereto in the coming weeks and months.

## **Departure of André De Ruyter from Eskom**

Further to the announcement released on SENS on 15 December 2022, debtholders are advised that, following the convening of a special Board meeting on 22 February 2023, the Eskom Board and Group Chief Executive (GCE), André de Ruyter, have reached mutual agreement to curtail his notice period to 28 February 2023.

The Eskom Board further resolved that Mr de Ruyter will not be required to serve the balance of his notice period but that he will be released from his position with immediate effect.

## **Acting GCE appointment of Calib Cassim**

The Eskom Board has resolved that the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Calib Cassim will act as GCE with full delegation of authority with immediate effect and until further notice.

Calib was appointed as Eskom's CFO in November 2018 after serving as acting CFO from July 2017. He is a registered Chartered Accountant (SA) and holds a master's degree in Business Leadership (MBL). With over 20 years of service in Eskom, his qualifications and extensive experience have provided Calib with a deep understanding and appreciation of the Eskom business and the electricity industry, especially with regard to the challenges facing the financing of operations and future expansion of the industry.

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