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**\*\*\* ATTENTION: CITY OF JOHANNESBURG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY AND CITY POWER SOC LTD \*\*\***

Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

**RE: ESKOM HOLDINGS SOC LTD – 7 NOVEMBER 2024 MEDIA STATEMENT**

**IN RE: *POWER INTERRUPTION AGAINST THE CITY OF JOHANNESBURG AND CITY POWER SOC LTD***

1. Eskom SOC Ltd's ("**Eskom**") Notice dated **07 November 2024** and our Letter dated **08 November 2024** addressed to Eskom, refer.
2. We act for and on behalf of a group of interested parties and concerned residents of the City of Johannesburg, including (but not limited to, as the list is still being compiled):
  - 2.2. Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
  - 2.3. Midrand Developers' Forum;
  - 2.4. JoburgCAN;
  - 2.5. South African Property Owners' Association;
  - 2.6. Property Owners and Managers Association (Johannesburg);
  - 2.7. Town Planners ACT Forum;
  - 2.8. South African Association of Consulting Professional Planners; and
  - 2.9. Through these organisations (and others), dozens of residents' associations, sectional title body corporates and home owners' associations, and their managers and members

3. We have, on behalf of our Clients and our offices, requested an urgent meeting **today, 08 November 2024**, with **Eskom** to ascertain the full and finer details of the dispute between the COJ/City Power and non-payment issues that led to the aforementioned Notice being published.
4. As you are aware, Eskom has given civil society a mere **31 (Thirty-One) calendar days** to make representations before it makes its decision on what amounts to one of the most severe crises that the Johannesburg civil society has ever faced in respect of utility supply.
5. This Notice of interrupted utility supply stands to materially and adversely affect the rights of an estimated **six million** citizens in respect of their safety, health, and well-being across your jurisdiction. This decision also stands to affect countless businesses, schools hospitals, courts and prisons across the Johannesburg metropolitan area.
6. For the facilitation of openness, transparency and to enable the Johannesburg civil society (of which our Clients are a sector) to make proper representations to Eskom before the deadline imposed, we request that our Clients and offices be furnished with the following information by the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality:
  - 6.2. A full description or record of the billing dispute between the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality and Eskom; and
  - 6.3. A full description or record of all attempts made by the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality to resolve the dispute with Eskom;
7. It is imperative that our Offices be furnished with the above information **urgently** in order for our Offices to adequately and effectively advise our Clients and to consider our options in order to make meaningful representations.
8. Our Offices cannot overstate the time-sensitive nature of this matter given its potential effect on all residents of the Johannesburg Metropolitan region including our Clients.
9. We trust that the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality will cooperate with our Offices and agree to comply with the requests made herein in order to promote fair administrative action, transparency and public participation.
10. All of our Clients' rights are reserved.

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Yours faithfully,

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