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Public Notice

Ditsobotla Local Municipality and Eskom to sign Distribution Agency Agreement (DAA) to strengthen electricity provision, financial stability, and service delivery

Notice is hereby given in term of the Local Government, Section 33 of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Act no 56 of 2003, that Ditsobotla Local Municipality will officially sign the Distribution Agency Agreement (DAA), with Eskom. The Council of Ditsobotla had resolved during the Special Council sitting, held on **01 July 2025** that the municipality should enter into the DAA with Eskom.

The official signing of a Distribution Agency Agreement (DAA), between the two parties will mark a historic milestone that signals a new era of cooperation, improved operational efficiency, and enhanced electricity service delivery for communities across Ditsobotla.

The agreement forms a key part of Ditsobotla Local Municipality's broader turnaround strategy aimed at stabilising electricity infrastructure, improving financial management, rebuilding public trust, and supporting local economic development.

This agreement will represent a strategic and transitional intervention designed to stabilise electricity distribution, strengthen governance, and improve revenue collection while ensuring consistent and reliable power supply for residents and businesses.

The DAA is part of Eskom's broader proactive approach to supporting the municipality in terms of operational inefficiencies, weakened revenue collection, and financial sustainability around electricity delivery and addressing debt owed to Eskom by Ditsobotla.

Under the agreement:

- Electricity distribution and certain retail functions will be jointly managed in a structured framework.
- Billing and revenue collection will be ring-fenced and administered through Eskom systems.

- Ditsobotla Local Municipality will remain the electricity licence holder, with Eskom providing technical expertise, operational support, and skills transfer.
- Free Basic Electricity will be disbursed directly by Eskom to qualifying indigent households.

The DAA will introduce key improvements to strengthen the resilience and accountability of Ditsobotla's electricity distribution system through:

- Strengthened operational coordination between Eskom and the Municipality.
- Improved maintenance processes and fault-response times.
- Enhanced infrastructure planning and investment readiness.
- Clearer responsibilities, reporting lines, and accountability mechanisms.
- Greater reliability and predictability of electricity supply.
- Protection of existing jobs and structured training for municipal employees.
- Capacity building and skills transfer to support long-term municipal sustainability.

Lastly, during the implementation of the DAA, the Ditsobotla Local Municipality would like to assure residents that there will be a transparent communication, operational collaboration, and improved service delivery. The partners will work together to ensure a smooth implementation of the DAA and tangible improvements in electricity distribution.

Members of the community are invited to make representation or submit public comments on the DAA, which the municipality and Eskom will sign, and must reach the municipality before or on the **07 April 2026 at 16H00**. The DAA's document can be accessed on the municipal website @ www.ditsobotla.gov.za . Meanwhile, the link thereof will also be uploaded on the municipal Facebook page (**Ditsobotla Local Municipality**)

All representations and comments should be in writing and should be directed to: The Municipal Manager, Ditsobotla Local Municipality, P.O.Box 7, Lichtenburg 2740, or drop at the Record Office, office no 12. on First Floor.

Duly signed

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National Cabinet Representative

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