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CITY OF JOHANNESBURG SETTLES IN FULL R5.25 BILLION OVERDUE ELECTRICITY DEBT TO ESKOM

The Minister of Electricity and Energy, Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa, and the Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Councillor Dada Morero, are pleased to announce the successful and full settlement of the R5.25 billion overdue electricity debt owed by the City of Johannesburg/City Power (CoJ/CP) to Eskom.

This milestone follows the intervention and mediation process established by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, which brought together leadership from the City, City Power, and Eskom to resolve the long-standing billing disputes that previously threatened the security of supply.

Eskom has today confirmed receipt of the final payment, settling the total accumulated overdue debt of R5,255,421,994.16. Furthermore, the City of Johannesburg remains firmly committed to ensuring that all future accounts are settled on or before their respective due dates, reinforcing fiscal discipline and reliable service delivery.

Following this full settlement, Eskom has officially withdrawn the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act (PAJA) process, which was initiated on 17 May 2026 to address the outstanding arrears.

Minister of Electricity and Energy, Dr. Kgosientsho Ramokgopa, commented:
“We are pleased to see this matter reach a definitive conclusion. This resolution reinforces the effectiveness of the Inter-Governmental Relations (IGR) model we have championed. By maintaining an open dialogue and a structured task team, we have ensured that the residents and businesses of Johannesburg continue to receive an uninterrupted power supply while safeguarding the financial sustainability of our national utility.”

Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Mr. Dada Morero, added:
“This is a significant milestone in the City's journey towards financial sustainability and responsible governance. Settling the R5.25 billion overdue debt demonstrates our commitment to honouring our obligations while protecting Johannesburg's residents and businesses from disruptions to electricity supply.

We remain committed to maintaining current payments, reducing electricity losses through theft and vandalism, investing in critical electricity infrastructure, and working closely with Eskom to build a more reliable and sustainable energy future for our city."

Both Eskom and City Power remain committed to ongoing collaboration, focusing on infrastructure maintenance, the reduction of electricity losses due to theft and vandalism, and the continued implementation of the data-sharing protocols established to ensure long term uninterrupted security of electricity supply to South Africa's economic and financial hub.

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