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#### **APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW ESKOM BOARD MEMBERS - EFFECTIVE 01 OCTOBER 2022**

The NSBE welcomes the announcement of the new Eskom SOC Ltd Board Members by the Minister of Public Enterprises, Mr. Pravin Gordhan, on 30 September 2022. We are pleased to see the caliber of professionals appointed, with 5 highly qualified and experienced engineers to bolster the technical expertise at board level. One of the engineers – Mr. Lwazi Goqwana - was part of the Eskom Technical Review Team that was appointed to conduct an intensive review of the operations, maintenance and the technical environment at Eskom Power Stations.

The new Board must be supported and given space to do the work that they are hired to do without political interference and undue pressure from powerful external parties who have vested commercial interests at Eskom. The next 3 months will be crucial for the new Board to be seen to be taking bold and decisive steps to improve the reliability of energy supply to the grid and end the severe damage caused by load shedding to the economy of South Africa.

Blaming the previous leadership of Eskom for the current energy crisis will not solve our problems. We expect the new Board to act swiftly to find the new Group CEO with the prerequisite technical experience and leadership credentials to take full responsibility to fix the operational challenges at Coal Fired Power Stations and increase the Energy Availability Factor to 75% and above. The NSBE would like to thank the new Board members for putting their professional reputation at risk in the best interest of our beloved country. They have our unwavering support.

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**President:** Mdu Mlaba;

**National Executive Committee:** Lwazi Goqwana: Deputy President; Freddy Mugeru: Treasurer; Portia Nkuna: General Secretary; Tumi Tsehlo: Head of NSBE Commercial; Kwazi Mabaso; Lungi Maminza; Bongumusa Thusi; Thato Selebogo; Chrizelle Isaacs; Simphiwe Mbanga;