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#### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT NEWSFLASH

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#### RESIGNATION OF THE ESKOM GROUP CEO

The NSBE welcomes the resignation of the Eskom Group CEO, Mr. André de Ruyter on 14 December 2022. The cost of load shedding to the South African economy was a minimum R1.1 trillion between 2018 – 2022 YTD. The Eskom performance in 2022 was the worst ever in the history of the utility, costing the economy R560 billion this year alone. Mr. de Ruyter was out of his depth and did not have the credentials to lead Eskom out of load shedding. His lack of focus in fixing the current fleet of Coal Fired Power Stations and calling it a "dead horse" has exacerbated South Africa's energy crisis. Under his leadership, the Energy Availability Factor (EAF) dropped from 67% to 51%, plunging the country to unprecedented levels of load shedding. Perpetual blaming of the previous leadership of Eskom for the current energy crisis did not help either.

Moving forward, 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 a minimum 75%. We believe this can be achieved within the next 12 to 18 months. The NSBE stands ready to make recommendations of seasoned engineering executives with an impeccable track record in power generation and leadership skills to lead Eskom out of the load shedding crisis. We are available to help the Eskom Board & DPE Minister in their search to find a suitably qualified candidate.

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