

South Africa Aims To Reduce Load Shedding

Responding to South Africa's ongoing energy problems, South African Ministers of Public Enterprises and Minerals and Energy, representatives of municipalities and energy company Eskom have agreed to establish a national task team to urgently mobilise reductions required to reduce the practice of load shedding and to achieve targeted savings. The task team, comprising chief executives of the largest municipalities and Eskom chief executive Jacob Maroga, have agreed to work together to achieve rapid energy savings favouring opportunities for load reduction versus load shedding. Agreement to establish the task team was reached during a briefing and information session set up by government to help manage the energy emergency. The session was attended by Minister of Public Enterprises Alec Erwin, Minister of Minerals and Energy Sonjica Buyelwa, Eskom chairman Valli Moosa, Eskom chief executive Jacob Maroga and senior representatives from South Africa's largest local authorities including executive mayors. All parties agreed that load shedding is not the preferred option to achieving energy savings. Delegates showed commitment to achieving load reductions through a range of management techniques and innovative application of new technologies. Eskom says it is positive that load reduction will be achieved over time through joint action with municipalities.

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