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MEDIA STATEMENT

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ATTENTION: ALL MEDIA HOUSES AND MKHONDO RESIDENTS

MKHONDO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY POWER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION UPDATE

Mkhondo Local Municipality wishes to provide residents with an update regarding the electricity supply interruption that has occurred since Saturday, 25 July 2026.

Following a series of technical assessments and joint testing conducted by the Municipality and Eskom, it has been confirmed that the existing 20 MVA transformer can currently operate safely at only 50% of its capacity. To protect the transformer from further damage and maintain the stability of the electricity network, the system will continue to operate under a half-load configuration until the replacement transformer has been fully installed, tested and commissioned.

The Municipality can report the following progress on the installation:

- The newly refurbished 20 MVA transformer has been delivered to the substation and has been successfully installed.
- The associated protection and control panel is currently in transit and is expected to be delivered tonight.
- Upon delivery, the protection and control equipment will be installed, followed by the required testing and commissioning processes.

Subject to the successful completion of these activities, the refurbished 20 MVA transformer is expected to be fully operational by Saturday, 1 August 2026. In the interim, residents are requested to take note of the temporary electricity supply schedule published by the Municipality and to adhere to the implemented load management arrangements.

These measures are necessary to ensure the continued stability of the network while the commissioning process is completed. The Municipality remains committed to restoring the network to full operational capacity as quickly and safely as possible.

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