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DITSOBOTLA MUNICIPALITY HONOURS TO PAY ESKOM ACCOUNT PER THE REPAYMENT PLAN

The Ditsobotla municipality has already begun with the repayment processes of the amount it owes to Eskom for the bulk electricity supply for Lichtenburg, Coligny and Blydeville. This initiative comes after the previous payment agreements that the municipality has signed with Eskom failed to yield positive results.

A new repayment plan was submitted to ESKOM after some intense discussion that took place on the 14th January 2016. The new repayment plan will ensure that the municipality honours the current repayment plan of Eskom accounts from now moving forward. The municipality has already started this year to repay Eskom account and the first payment has been done at the end of January 2016 in respect of the current account.

According to the new repayment plan, the municipality will pay Eskom 9 million on a monthly basis with effect from the end of January this year. The 9 million will cater for the current account and in the event that the current account is less than 9 million, the difference shall be directed towards the bulk accounts.

In the event that the current account is more than 9 million, the municipality shall effect payment of the total amount owing for that particular month. The municipality will further commit in tranches 75 % of its equitable shares allocations for 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years to settle the arrears account. The new repayment plan was ratified by Ditsobotla council during its sitting on the 29 January 2016. The Municipality currently awaits the final response of Eskom in respect of the repayment plan submitted to them.

All consumers who are in arrears in terms of the payment of municipal accounts are urged to pay for their accounts to avoid any termination of their services by the municipality as vigorous credit control activities are being undertaken by the Municipality.

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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