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Subject: New Electricity Substation to Support Growth in Malmesbury

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Photos: *During a recent site visit, the Swartland Municipality director for electrical services, Thys Möller (Pictured), briefed the Mayoral Committee, Executive Managers and the Executive Mayor, Alderman Harold Cleophas, (here pictured along with director Jo-Ann Krieger) on the progress of the construction of the new substation.*

PRESS STATEMENT

17 March 2025

Swartland Municipality

New Electricity Substation to Support Growth in Malmesbury

Swartland Municipality is pleased to report on the significant progress of a major electricity infrastructure project aimed at creating the necessary capacity to accommodate growth in the south-western part of Malmesbury. This initiative is a direct response to the increasing demand generated by new housing developments in the De Hoop and Illinge Lethu areas, where the existing network can no longer suffice.

Project Overview

New 132 kV Supply Point and Substation:

The Municipality has applied to Eskom for a 132 kV supply point which will facilitate the construction of Swartland's own 132 kV/11 kV substation. In the longer term, this will allow for the expansion of our 132 kV network, reducing our reliance on the current 11 kV supply points provided by Eskom. (It is important to note that this expansion is part of a long-term strategy and will not be implemented at this stage.)

Load Re-allocation and Capacity Improvement:

With the construction of the new De Hoop substation, some of the existing load, currently supplied by the Malmesbury Main Station and the Klipfontein Substation – via the N7 and Darling Way switching stations – will be transferred to the new facility. This shift will free up capacity at the existing supply points, paving the way for new development in both the industrial area and the northern part of Malmesbury. Recent developments in these areas include the new shopping centre, hospital, and growth in the Mt Royal estate, with further housing developments and shopping centre expansion already in the pipeline.

Self-Build Initiative:

In an effort to reduce both costs and implementation time, Swartland Municipality has also applied to Eskom to self-build a 4.5 km double-circuit 132 kV power line and the corresponding switching station.

Project Funding and Timeline:

The total project cost is approximately R150 million, with financial support from the Department of Electricity and Energy (formerly the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs) through the INEP Grant. Our objective is to complete the new substation and associated Eskom components by December 2026, subject to final environmental and design approvals. Following successful Factory Acceptance Tests (FAT), the first 20 MVA 132/11 kV transformer was delivered to site on 08 March 2025 and the second transformer is expected to be delivered before the end of March 2025. Once done the assembly and cold commissioning of the transformers can commence and the remaining busbars and switchgear can be installed.

A Reassuring Step Forward

This project demonstrates our commitment to proactive planning and sustainable development. By addressing current challenges and preparing for future growth, Swartland Municipality is ensuring that our infrastructure meets the needs of our communities and businesses. We remain dedicated to delivering reliable services and creating a development-friendly environment that inspires confidence and fosters economic growth.

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