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Press Statement

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK VISIT

Representatives from the African Development Bank visited Eskom Medupi Power Station and Lephalale Municipality on 22 February 2017 as part of their responsibility to assess, monitor and ensure that Medupi project is completed without any disruptions and contribute towards the development of local communities.

The role of the African Development Bank (AFDB) is to spur sustainable economic development and social progress in its regional member countries (RMC) by contributing to poverty reduction through mobilizing and allocating resources for investment and providing policy advice and technical assistance to support development efforts. Some of the sustainable development goals of the bank which were the main points of focus of their visit to Medupi power station are: ending poverty in all its forms, ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all and Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Lephalale Local Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko, acknowledged and appreciated the importance which the AFDB monitoring team attaches to Medupi Project and he also applauded Medupi for their role in community development projects "The fact that you came here today to assess progress made by Eskom since your visit here in May 2015 is an indication of your commitment to ensure that this project is completed with no disruptions. Today's event is an indication of how African Development Bank and Eskom take all stakeholders serious. The only stakeholder-relation that needs improvement is on traditional leaders. We appreciate the fact that CSI of Medupi included refurbishment of tribal halls. However, as African we know the status of traditional leaders in our society and we should give them that royal treatment by always considering programmes that seek to improve their lives.

As municipality we can confirm, with appreciation, the healthy working relationship that the current Medupi project manager established with local stakeholders"

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