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PRESS RELEASE

STEENBOKPAN/LESEDING COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Lephalale Mayor, Cllr Moloko Jack Maeko, conducted a Community Consultation Programme at Lesedi Tshukudu Thusong Centre in Leseding on the 13th of March 2016. The programme was as a result of a number of issues raised by community members with regards to recruitment processes by BABCOCK Company being a main concern.

BABCOCK is one of Eskom's contractors which started operating in Lephalale in 2015. Babcock is responsible for the construction of transmission power lines that will assist with the transmission of power generated from Medupi in to the National grid

The report by the Community Liaison Officer for the project, Sophia Matlou, showed that since August 2016 a total number of 216 have been employed and only 54 from the total number are local residents of Leseding. In terms of SMME's empowerment, local residents have not benefited.

The Mayor together with councillors and representatives from Eskom visited BABCOCK to discuss issues of recruitment, SMME empowerment for local resident with the management of the company and to pave a wayforward on the 15 March 2017. Community members were picketing outside the company offices as a symbol of dissatisfaction of the recruitment processes

In closing the meeting, the councillors led by the Mayor, took a decision to close operations at the site and scheduled a meeting to be held on Monday 20 March 2017 where the company representatives will give a plan on how they are going to address the issues raised by the community.



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The Mayor listed a number of demands for the representatives of BABCOCK which are as follows, Employment of local residents to be 80%, Skills development Programme informed by the development needs of Lephalale, CSI project and local SMME empowerment .

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