EIUG congratulates Eskom on delivering over 365 days without loadshedding, advancing stability, competitiveness, and the integration of renewable energy

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The Energy Intensive Users Group of Southern Africa (EIUG) warmly congratulates Eskom on achieving a full year without loadshedding, a milestone last seen in 2018 and now restored through disciplined execution of the Generation Recovery Plan. This achievement represents not only operational progress but also a decisive turning point in South Africa's energy landscape.

For energy-intensive users, uninterrupted electricity supply is the foundation of competitiveness, investment certainty, and industrial resilience. The elimination of loadshedding and strategic load curtailment for over 365 days has safeguarded jobs, supported production, and enabled businesses to plan with confidence. It has also reduced reliance on costly emergency generation, saving the economy billions of Rands and strengthening Eskom's financial position which we hope will translate into affordable price increases into the future.

EIUG recognises the contributions of Eskom's employees, leadership, and partners, as well as the coordinated interventions of government through the Energy Action Plan and the National Energy Crisis Committee. The role of private investors be it through behind the meter installations or wheeled energy is also recognised. Together, these efforts have restored national confidence in the power system and created the conditions for a more inclusive and competitive electricity market.

The EIUG recognises the need for a stable incumbent as a foundation for energy market liberalisation success. Eskom's turnaround now provides the platform for orderly market reform, competition, and investment in new generation capacity aligned with the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). This stable performance ensures that security of supply is safeguarded while advancing South Africa's just transition objectives. The next challenge is now to diligently implement the IRP and Transmission Development Plan (TDP) so that South Africa does not find itself in a similar adverse loadshedding situation into the future.

As a trusted champion for energy reliability, affordability, and sustainability, EIUG looks forward to continued partnership with Eskom, government and its agencies, and other stakeholders to build on this milestone and secure South Africa's energy future.

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The Energy Intensive Users Group of Southern Africa (EIUG) was established in 1999 as a voluntary, non-profit association and incorporated as a Non-Profit Company in 2019. The EIUG represents large power users for whom electricity is a critical input to production and operational processes. Large power users currently account for roughly 40% of the electrical energy consumed and contribute significantly to the South African GDP. The group was founded on the belief that energy is the engine for economic growth and development in the country.

The EIUG is a member-led advocacy organisation that works to influence energy policy, the just energy transition, and climate change in South Africa. Its members operate across energy-intensive sectors including resource extraction, manufacturing, industrial processing, and essential infrastructure and utility services. The EIUG is committed to working with government, power utilities and other stakeholders to ensure South Africa has energy industries which provide reliable supply at acceptable quality and competitive prices.

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