



POWER ALERT 1

Date: 20 February 2020

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Thursday, 20 February 2020: We regret that Stage 2 rotational loadshedding will be implemented from 09:00 today until 06:00 on Saturday owing to the loss of 3 additional units overnight that has increased the shortage in capacity. There is a high probability that loadshedding will continue over the weekend, as there is a need to replenish reserves for the coming week. Unplanned outages or breakdowns were at 11 938MW as at 05:30 this morning, while planned maintenance is 4 654MW. Emergency reserves are currently being utilised to supplement the shortage in capacity. While we regret the short notice, we have communicated earlier that any shift on the system will require the implementation of loadshedding at short notice. We will provide regular updates.

Eskom reminds South Africans that there is a possibility of increased loadshedding over the next 18 months as we are conducting critical maintenance to restore the ageing plant to good health.

We request customers to continue to use electricity sparingly and to assist us in reducing demand:

- Set air-conditioners' average temperature at 23°C
- Switch off your geysers over peak periods
- Use the cold water tap rather than using the geyser every time
- Set your swimming pool pump cycle to run twice a day, three hours at a time
- At the end of the day, turn off computers, copiers, printers and fax machines at the switch.

We appeal to customers to revisit their loadshedding schedules on the Eskom (<https://loadshedding.eskom.co.za>) or local municipal websites, depending on their electricity supplier, to review amendments.

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