



POWER ALERT 2

Eskom to implement Stage 2 loadshedding from 16:00 until 22:00 as power system is severely constrained; Stage 2 will again be implemented from 09:00 until 22:00 tomorrow

Tuesday, 18 August 2020: Due to the severe constraints in the power generation system, Eskom regrets to inform the public that Stage 2 loadshedding will be implemented from 16:00 until 22:00. Stage 2 loadshedding will again be implemented starting at 09:00 until 22:00 tomorrow.

Yesterday, six generators were returned to service at Medupi, Tutuka, Kendal, Majuba and Grootvlei power stations. The breakdown of four units overnight and this morning at Medupi, Duvha, Majuba, and Lethabo power stations, as well as a delay in the expected return to service of a unit at Medupi has resulted in the power system being constrained.

Any further deterioration in the generation performance may therefore necessitate the escalation of loadshedding at short notice.

As the aged generation infrastructure is unreliable and volatile, this constrained power system is expected to persist for the rest of the week, particularly as the cold front hits.

Unplanned breakdowns stand at more than 11 900 MW of capacity, adding to the 4 350MW currently out on planned maintenance.

We urge the people of South Africa to help reduce electricity usage in order to assist Eskom to reduce the instance of loadshedding and keep the lights on.

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