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1. DISCLAIMER

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No Respondent, its shareholders, members, contractors, suppliers or lenders shall have any claim against RAND WATER, its officers, employees, servants, agents or Transaction Advisors, under any circumstances whatsoever, arising out of any matter relating to this RFI, any ancillary matter relating thereto or this Document of any nature whatsoever, including where such claim is based on any act or omission by RAND WATER, or any of its officers, employees, servants, agents or Transaction Advisors of any nature whatsoever, or where such claim is based on the content of, or any omission from, this Document of any nature whatsoever.

This Request for Information (RFI) shall not be construed as a procurement process, pre-qualification, shortlisting, accreditation or supplier registration exercise. Participation or non-participation in this RFI shall not confer any advantage, preference or expectation in respect of any future procurement process. Rand Water reserves the right to invite participation in any future procurement process from the broader market, including entities that did not respond to this RFI.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to enable Rand Water to obtain market intelligence on the availability, maturity and capabilities of energy trading service providers operating within the South African electricity market. Through this process, Rand Water seeks to develop a comprehensive understanding of the range of available energy trading models, products, risk management approaches and commercial structures that may be applicable to a large bulk water utility with significant electricity demand. The RFI further aims to assess the readiness and capacity of market participants to be considered for inclusion in a potential future panel of energy traders that could support Rand Water's energy cost optimisation, risk mitigation and operational resilience objectives. The information gathered through this RFI will be

used to inform Rand Water's internal energy procurement and trading strategy, governance and risk management framework, and the design of any subsequent formal procurement processes, such as a Request for Proposal (RFP). Participation in this RFI is for information-gathering purposes only and does not constitute, nor should it be construed as, an invitation to submit offers, pricing, or any form of contractual or financial commitment by Rand Water.

3. BACKGROUND

Rand Water is a large bulk water utility with energy-intensive operations that are critically dependent on a reliable and cost-effective electricity supply. Electricity consumption is primarily driven by the continuous operation of major raw water abstraction and pumping stations, extensive water treatment works, and the transfer and storage of potable water across a geographically distributed system of reservoirs and associated infrastructure. These assets operate on a 24-hour basis to ensure security of supply to municipal and industrial customers across Rand Water's area of supply, resulting in a substantial and largely non-discretionary electrical load profile.

Rand Water's primary electricity supply portfolio currently consists of a combination of Eskom-supplied electricity, municipal electricity supply in certain operating areas, and limited forms of on-site or embedded generation where technically and economically feasible, including photovoltaic installations, diesel-powered generation for backup and resilience purposes, and small-scale hydropower potential associated with specific hydraulic assets. The evolving national electricity market landscape, together with increasing cost pressures, supply constraints and environmental considerations, has necessitated the exploration of more flexible and diversified approaches to electricity sourcing and management.

In this context, Rand Water is exploring opportunities related to energy trading and electricity portfolio optimisation as part of a broader strategy to enhance energy cost efficiency, improve operational flexibility, and strengthen risk management. These opportunities may include the optimisation of time-of-use consumption, improved utilisation of load flexibility inherent in pumping and storage operations, mitigation of exposure to electricity price volatility and supply disruptions, and alignment with national and organisational decarbonisation objectives. The RFI is therefore intended

to support an informed assessment of market capabilities and potential trading arrangements that could, subject to appropriate governance approvals, contribute to the long-term sustainability, affordability and resilience of Rand Water's energy supply.

4. OVERVIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Scope of Envisaged Packages/Main Activities

4.1.1 Envisage Package 1 - Trader-Facilitated IPP Sourcing Model/ Wheeling

Under this option, Rand Water would contract with one or more licensed energy traders to source electricity from third-party IPPs on Rand Water's behalf. The energy trader may act as a principal or as an agent, aggregating electricity from multiple IPPs and supplying or wheeling electricity to Rand Water under defined contractual arrangements. Ownership of generation assets would remain with the IPPs, and no asset transfer to Rand Water would be contemplated under the trading contracts.

4.1.2 Envisaged Package 2: Trader-Led Concession and Asset Transfer Model for Long-Term Electricity Supply

Rand Water is considering concession-type electricity supply arrangements in which licensed energy traders, appointed through a non-exclusive panel, may originate, structure and manage electricity generation projects implemented through third-party IPP special purpose vehicles. The trader would act as the primary commercial counterparty to Rand Water, with generation assets owned and operated by IPPs during the concession term and transferred to Rand Water at contract expiry as demonstrated by way of example on figure 1.



Figure 1 illustrates a conceptual electricity supply model under which Rand Water envisage to engage licensed energy traders, appointed through a non-exclusive panel, to facilitate the development, aggregation and long-term supply of electricity generated by independent power producers (IPPs). The model is intended to support concession-type arrangements, including build-operate-transfer (BOT) or build-own-operate-transfer (BOOT) structures, while maintaining appropriate governance separation between asset ownership, trading activities and public-sector oversight.

Under this model, Rand Water intend to contract at a portfolio level with one or more energy traders from the approved panel. The energy trader acts as the primary commercial counterparty to Rand Water and will be responsible for originating, structuring and managing electricity supply arrangements sourced from multiple IPP project entities. The trader may contract with IPPs through back-to-back power purchase, concession or availability-based agreements, depending on the specific project or call-off arrangement, thereby aggregating generation capacity and managing commercial, operational and performance risks at the portfolio level.

The IPPs, typically structured as special-purpose vehicles (SPVs), would be responsible for the financing, development, construction, ownership and operation of

the electricity generation assets during the concession term. These assets may include renewable or hybrid generation technologies aligned with Rand Water's operational load profile and decarbonisation objectives. Throughout the concession period, the IPPs remain the licensed generators in terms of the Electricity Regulation Act and are responsible for compliance with all applicable technical, environmental, safety and regulatory requirements.

Electricity generated by the IPPs is delivered to Rand Water via the direct private lines or the national transmission or distribution networks, including Eskom or municipal networks, under applicable wheeling, use-of-system and network access agreements. The energy trader shall hold the requisite electricity trading licence and manages the interface with network service providers, system operators and regulators, including metering, scheduling, settlement and reconciliation processes.

At the conclusion of the concession or contract term, ownership of the generation assets will be transferred to Rand Water, subject to agreed hand-back conditions and asset condition requirements. This transfer will enable Rand Water to take long-term ownership of strategic energy assets without bearing construction risk or upfront capital investment during the development phase. Following asset transfer, the trader's role may transition to energy trading, portfolio optimisation, operations support or other services, subject to future governance approvals and contractual arrangements.

The model depicted in Figure 1 is illustrative and intended to demonstrate one possible trader-led concession structure. Any implementation of this model will be subject to detailed feasibility assessments, compliance with the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), National Treasury Regulations (including Treasury Regulation 16 where applicable), Section 217 of the Constitution, licensing and regulatory requirements, and approval by the Rand Water Board and relevant authorities.

4.2 Respondent Profile and Corporate Information

Respondents are requested to provide comprehensive corporate and organisational information to enable Rand Water to assess their suitability and capability as potential energy trading service providers. This information should include the respondent's full legal entity name, company registration details and ownership structure, including any parent or holding entities. Respondents should confirm their involvement in energy trading activities within South Africa and describe the nature and scope of such activities. Details regarding the number of years of trading experience, together with the geographic footprint of operations and markets in which the respondent is active, should also be provided. In addition, respondents are requested to submit high level, non-audited information relating to their financial standing and creditworthiness, sufficient to demonstrate financial stability and the capacity to support trading activities of a scale relevant to Rand Water's operational requirements.

4.3 Regulatory and Licensing Status

Respondents are requested to provide information relating to their regulatory status and participation within the South African electricity trading environment. This should include confirmation of whether the respondent holds, or has applied for, an energy trading licence issued by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), as well as details of any exemptions relied upon in terms of applicable legislation and regulatory frameworks. Respondents should further indicate their experience and participation within relevant electricity supply and trading environments, including arrangements involving Eskom, municipal electricity supply and trading contexts, and participation in power exchanges and/or bilateral electricity markets. In addition, respondents should demonstrate a clear understanding of the Electricity Regulation Act, associated regulatory requirements, and ongoing electricity market and trading reforms, particularly as they relate to the evolving structure of electricity procurement, trading and market participation in South Africa.

4.4 Trading Capabilities and Products

Respondents are requested to provide information on the range of electricity trading products and services they can offer to a large energy consumer such as Rand Water. This should include experience in bilateral power trading arrangements across short, medium and long term horizons, as well as involvement in spot or near-term trading mechanisms where such arrangements are permissible within the South African

regulatory framework. Respondents should further describe their capabilities in supporting time of use optimisation and load profile management, particularly in relation to energy intensive pumping and treatment operations. Information should also be provided on the ability to facilitate renewable energy trading solutions, whether through physical delivery arrangements or virtual and financial structures, including where wheeling or offset mechanisms are applicable. Where permitted, respondents may additionally outline experience in providing ancillary or balancing type services that support system flexibility, reliability or operational optimisation.

In addition, respondents are requested to outline the contractual and commercial structures through which such trading products are typically delivered. This should include experience with framework or master agreements under which individual trading transactions are executed on a call off basis, as well as the ability to operate under either agency or principal trading models. Respondents should clearly explain the distinctions between these models in practice, including roles, responsibilities and risk allocation. Information should further be provided on experience with both physical and financial settlement structures, including how metering, settlement, reconciliation and risk management are addressed under each approach. The objective of this information is to assist Rand Water in evaluating commercially and operationally appropriate trading structures within a sound governance and risk management framework.

4.5 Experience with Large Energy Consumers

Respondents are requested to provide information on their experience and track record in delivering energy trading services to large electricity consumers. This should include details of prior and current experience trading on behalf of public or private sector utilities, water boards, and mining or other energy intensive industrial clients with comparable operational and governance complexity. Respondents should outline the typical electricity load profiles managed, expressed in indicative megawatt (MW) capacity and/or annual gigawatt hour (GWh) consumption ranges, to demonstrate experience at a scale relevant to Rand Water's operations. In addition, respondents are requested to provide illustrative, non-confidential examples of electricity portfolio optimisation initiatives, trading strategies or interventions through which measurable cost savings, efficiency gains or risk mitigation outcomes were achieved for

comparable clients. Such examples should be descriptive in nature and exclude any commercially sensitive or client identifying information.

4.6 Risk Management and Governance

Respondents should outline their trading risk management frameworks and governance arrangements applicable to electricity trading activities of a scale and complexity relevant to Rand Water. This should include a description of how key risks are identified, measured and managed, including credit risk, market price risk, volume risk and counterparty risk. Respondents should further provide details of their internal control environment, including the use of defined trading limits, approval authorities, monitoring and reporting mechanisms, and the segregation of duties between trading, risk management, settlement and finance functions. In addition, respondents should demonstrate alignment with public sector governance and accountability expectations, including transparency, auditability and ethical conduct. Respondents are also requested to describe their experience working with public entities governed by the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), including familiarity with associated compliance, reporting and approval requirements relevant to public sector energy procurement and trading activities.

4.7 Systems, Data and Reporting

Respondents are requested to provide information on the energy trading platforms, tools and systems utilised to execute, monitor and manage electricity trading activities. This should include a high-level description of trading systems, analytics tools and supporting technologies used to manage trading positions, forecasts and exposures. Respondents should further outline their metering and data requirements, including the types of metering infrastructure, data granularity, data validation processes and integration capabilities necessary to support accurate trading, billing and performance monitoring for large, geographically dispersed operational assets.

In addition, respondents should describe their settlement and reconciliation processes, including approaches to invoice verification, discrepancy management and alignment with physical delivery or financial settlement arrangements. This should cover the end-to-end process from trade execution through to final settlement and accounting treatment. Respondents are also requested to outline the reporting provided to clients, including regular and ad hoc reporting on cost performance, realised and unrealised

trading outcomes, and exposure to key risks. Where applicable, respondents should indicate their ability to support regulatory, audit or compliance related reporting requirements relevant to public sector entities, including transparency, traceability and data integrity expectations consistent with PFMA governed institutions such as Rand Water.

4.8 Sustainability and Decarbonisation Support

Respondents are requested to provide information on their ability to trade, source or facilitate access to renewable energy solutions that may be relevant to Rand Water's electricity supply portfolio. This should include experience in supporting organisational decarbonisation objectives through the provision of green power products, renewable energy procurement structures and related trading mechanisms. Respondents should outline their experience with renewable energy power purchase agreements (PPAs), wheeling arrangements across Eskom or municipal networks, and other applicable structures that enable the physical or virtual sourcing of renewable energy. In addition, respondents are requested to indicate their capability to support environmental, social and governance (ESG) reporting related to energy supply, including the provision of data, metrics and reporting outputs that demonstrate emissions reductions, renewable energy utilisation and alignment with sustainability reporting and public sector disclosure requirements.

4.9 Commercial Models (Indicative Only)

Respondents are requested to provide high level, indicative information on the commercial and contractual models typically employed in the provision of energy trading services. This should include a description of the common commercial structures used to deliver trading services to large electricity consumers, presented for illustrative purposes only. Respondents should indicate whether their services are generally offered under fee-based models, margin-based models, or a combination thereof, and explain at a conceptual level how such models operate in practice. In addition, respondents are requested to outline indicative approaches to risk sharing between the trader and the client, including how price, volume or market risks may be allocated or mitigated under different arrangements. Respondents should also provide high level information on typical contract duration preferences and time horizons associated with different trading or portfolio optimisation arrangements. All information provided under this section should be non-binding, exclude pricing, and be intended

solely to assist Rand Water in understanding prevailing market practices and informing the design of any future procurement processes.

4.10 Panel Participation Readiness

Respondents must indicate their willingness and readiness to be appointed to a panel of energy traders, which could be on an exclusive or non-exclusive basis. Respondents should confirm their capacity to support multiple call off transactions concurrently or over time, in line with Rand Water's operational requirements and potential trading volumes. In addition, respondents are requested to disclose any geographic, technical or operational constraints that may limit their ability to provide services across Rand Water's area of operation. Respondents should also provide indicative timelines required to mobilise resources following potential panel appointment, including any prerequisites related to systems integration, regulatory approvals or internal governance processes. The information provided under this section will be used to assess practical readiness and scalability for potential future engagement.

4.11 Governance, Legal and Compliance Notes

Participation in this Request for Information (RFI) does not guarantee inclusion in any future panel of energy traders, nor does it confer any form of preferred supplier status or create any expectation of future work. Rand Water reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to determine whether to proceed with any further engagement following the conclusion of this RFI, including the initiation of a separate and formal procurement process, such as a Request for Proposal (RFP), a Request for Quotation (RFQ), or any other procurement mechanism. Rand Water also reserves the right not to proceed with any subsequent procurement process at all, based on its internal assessments, strategic considerations or governance determinations.

Any future procurement process that may arise from this RFI will be conducted in strict accordance with applicable legislation, including Section 217 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, which requires that procurement by public entities be undertaken in a manner that is fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost effective. Such processes will further comply with the Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (PFMA), applicable National Treasury Regulations, Treasury Instructions, and Rand Water's approved Supply Chain Management policies and procedures.

Any future energy trading activities contemplated or informed by the outcomes of this RFI will be subject to the requisite internal governance and approval processes within Rand Water, including approval by the relevant Board and/or delegated authorities, where applicable. In addition, such activities will be required to comply with all relevant PFMA and National Treasury requirements, including, where applicable, approvals in terms of Section 54 of the PFMA and any other prescribed approvals related to the commencement or expansion of significant business activities, partnerships or transactions.

Furthermore, any future energy trading arrangements will be subject to full compliance with all applicable licensing and regulatory requirements, including those administered by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), as well as compliance with the Electricity Regulation Act, associated regulations and any prevailing or future electricity market reforms. Respondents should note that no trading activity will be undertaken by Rand Water unless and until all legal, regulatory, governance and approval requirements have been satisfied in full.

Rand Water further records that this RFI is not intended to restrict, limit or pre-determine competition in any future procurement process. Information obtained through this RFI will be used solely to inform internal planning, strategy development, governance decision-making and the design of potential future procurement processes.

Any future concession, energy trading, wheeling, asset development or asset transfer arrangement will be subject to detailed feasibility assessments, value-for-money analysis, legal and regulatory due diligence, and approval by Rand Water.

5. PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS INDEMNITY

Respondents must confirm that they maintain in-force, claims-made Professional Indemnity (PI) insurance appropriate to energy trading/advisory services, with adequate limits, suitable territorial/jurisdictional scope, no exclusions for core trading advisory/settlement support, an unlimited or appropriate retroactive date, and a minimum 24-month run-off after expiry. A broker/insurer letter confirming current cover,

limits, retro date, main exclusions and deductible(s), together with a 5-year loss history declaration, should accompany RFI submissions. Final requirements will be confirmed at RFP/award stage and may include additional insurances (e.g., Public Liability, Cyber).

Rand Water reserves the right to verify the validity, scope and adequacy of all insurance cover submitted and to require additional insurance cover at a later stage, should a formal procurement process be initiated.

6. MINIMUM SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the above the expert consultant is required to provide RAND WATER with the following:

- Respondents are requested to submit a comprehensive written response to this Request for Information, addressing all sections and information requirements outlined in the RFI.
- The response should be supported by relevant capability statements that demonstrate the respondent's experience, technical competence and organisational capacity to provide energy trading services of a nature and scale relevant to Rand Water.
- Respondents are encouraged to include illustrative non-confidential case studies that highlight prior experience, operational approaches or outcomes achieved for comparable clients, provided that such case studies do not disclose commercially sensitive or client-identifying information.
- In addition, respondents should complete and submit any compliance checklists or questionnaires included as part of the RFI documentation, to facilitate a consistent and efficient assessment of responses.

- Respondents must submit a signed declaration confirming the absence of any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to this RFI or any potential future engagement with Rand Water.

7. COST OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Respondents are expected to fully acquaint themselves with the conditions, requirements, and specifications of this RFI before submitting responses. Each Respondent assumes all risks for resource commitment and expenses, direct or indirect, of RFI preparation and participation throughout the RFI process. RAND WATER is not responsible, directly, or indirectly, for any costs incurred by service providers.

8. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Respondents shall sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with RAND WATER so that they can have access to additional information for this RFI.

RAND WATER reserves the right to.

- ✓ Verify any information contained in a response.
- ✓ Postpone, withdraw, amend, modify, or cancel the RFI process at any time, without prior notice and without liability to compensate or reimburse any person pursuant to such.

8.1 *Submission of RFI Responses*

- To facilitate the preparation of the RFI Response, Respondents may access the following website where the Document can be downloaded:
<https://www.randwater.co.za/availabletenders.php/>.
- The RFI Response, must be submitted to RAND WATER before or on closing date and time at the following address: Tender Box (by the main entrance), 522 Impala Road, Glenvista by not later than the time and date of 16:30 on 26 February 2026.

- RFI Responses reaching RAND WATER later than the cut-off time and date specified above may, in the RAND WATER's sole discretion, be rejected without further consideration.
- RFI Responses may be submitted prior to the cut-off time and date specified above, however only complete RFI Responses will receive attention from the RAND WATER.
- All costs incurred by a Respondent in connection with this Document and the preparation of its RFI Responses shall be borne by the Respondent.
- Responses submitted by companies must be signed by a person or persons duly authorised thereto in a form of a resolution so passed by the appropriate governing structure or letter of Delegation by an authorised Official of such Company.

8.2 Language of the RFI Response

- The RFI Response and all documents forming part of it shall be in English.
- Any printed literature submitted with the RFI Response may be in another language so long as it is accompanied by an English translation (made by an accredited translator) of the entire document.
- All correspondence and any other documentation and oral communication exchanged between the Respondent and the organisation shall be in English.

8.3 Further Information

- RAND WATER reserves the right to seek additional information from the Respondent regarding its RFI Response, as it may, in its sole discretion, determine, whether such information has been requested under this Document or otherwise, and may require the Respondent to make oral presentations for clarification purposes or to present supplementary information, in respect of its RFI Response if so, required by the RAND WATER.
- The Respondent may, following the submission of a RFI Response, be requested to engage with RAND WATER. Any meetings are likely to take place at RAND WATER offices, which is at the following address: **522 Impala Road, Glenvista 2058, South Africa.**

8.4 Contact with the Supply Chain Office

- All queries and requests for clarification in respect of this Document must be addressed to the Supply Chain Office of Rand Water. E-mailed or oral requests and queries addressed to persons other than a Supply Chain Official, at the address, will not be entertained and will not receive a response. RAND WATER will endeavour, in good faith, to respond to all reasonable written queries and requests for clarification raised by the Respondent Rand Water will provide a final response on clarifications by no later than **ten (10)** calendar days before the closing date.
- The Respondent must give the name and contact details of the person whom it appoints to undertake all contact with the SCM Office in its RFI Response.
- After the submission of its RFI Response, the Respondent may only communicate with RAND WATER through such person and RAND WATER shall be entitled, at its sole discretion, to disregard any communication from the Respondent, that does not come from such contact person, and that does not go directly to the Supply Chain Office.

8.5 Compliance, Ethics and Market Conduct

- Respondents warrant that their submissions are prepared independently and without collusion, consultation, coordination or agreement with any other respondent. Any conduct that may constitute collusive behaviour, anti-competitive practices or market manipulation may result in exclusion from future procurement processes and referral to the appropriate regulatory authorities.
- Respondents must comply with all applicable legislation, including the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), and confirm that any information submitted has been lawfully obtained and may be shared with Rand Water for the purposes of this RFI.

ANNEXURE A: CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided for information-gathering purposes only and does not constitute evaluation criteria, minimum eligibility requirements or scoring mechanisms for any future procurement process.

RFI Response Checklist: Trader-Led Concession Capability

This checklist is to be completed by respondents providing information for this RFI. All information provided is non-binding and for RFI purposes only.

Section A: Trading and Aggregation Capability

- Experience in sourcing electricity from multiple Independent Power Producers (IPPs).
- Experience aggregating electricity supply for large energy consumers and/or utilities.
- Experience managing electricity supply portfolios involving multiple assets or technologies.
- Experience with portfolio optimisation for cost, availability and risk management.
- Supporting narrative and examples provided.

Section B: Regulatory and Licensing Framework

- Valid electricity trading licence issued by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA).
- Trading licence number and current status provided.
- Details of any regulatory exemptions relied upon (where applicable).
- Experience operating under the Electricity Regulation Act.
- Experience with wheeling arrangements and network access through Eskom and/or municipal networks.
- Understanding of current and evolving electricity market reforms in South Africa.

Section C: Commercial and Contractual Models

- Experience with contractual arrangements involving traders, IPPs and end-users.
- Experience implementing agency-based trading models.
- Experience implementing principal-based trading models.
- Experience with pass-through tariff structures.
- Experience with bundled or portfolio-based pricing structures.

- Use and management of credit support mechanisms.
- Experience with framework agreements and call-off-based trading.

Section D: Risk Allocation and Management

- Defined approach to managing electricity price risk.
- Defined approach to managing volume and demand risk.
- Experience managing counterparty and credit risk.
- Approach to managing regulatory and compliance risk.
- Clear articulation of risk allocation between the trader, IPPs and Rand Water.
- Examples of risk-sharing or risk-mitigation mechanisms.

Section E: Operational and Systems Readiness

- Use of established electricity trading platforms and systems.
- Defined metering and data acquisition requirements.
- Experience integrating metering and operational data across multiple assets.
- Defined settlement and reconciliation processes.
- Provision of regular operational, financial and risk reporting to clients.
- Indicative or sample reporting formats provided (where available).

Section F: Scalability and Flexibility

- Ability to scale electricity supply volumes over time.
- Ability to add or substitute IPPs within an existing portfolio.
- Experience integrating multiple generation technologies.
- Ability to support increasing renewable energy penetration.
- Ability to support future decarbonisation and sustainability objectives.
- Description of flexibility mechanisms and portfolio evolution strategies.

Declaration

- All information provided is true and correct to the best of the respondent's knowledge.
- Information is provided for non-binding RFI purposes only, with no commitment to pricing, volumes or contractual terms.

ANNEXURE B: ENERGY PROFILE

Eskom-Supplied Stations

Station	Average MW/month
Zuikerbosch	97.62 MW
Lethabo	9.89 MW
Zwartkopjes	27.25 MW
Palmiet	46.13 MW
BWD Pumping	9.59 MW
Total Eskom Supply	190.48 MW

Non-Eskom (Municipal) Supply

Station	Average MW/month
Vereeniging – Emfuleni	26.89 MW
Eikenhof – City Power	35.90 MW
Mapleton – Ekurhuleni	13.05 MW
BWD Pumping – Emfuleni	1.87 MW
BWD Pumping – City Power	1.92 MW
BWD Pumping – Metsimaholo	1.28 MW
Total Other Supply	80.92 MW

ANNEXURE C: GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Site	Long	Lat
Airfield Break Pressure Tank Site	28° 13' 18.466''' E	26° 8' 33.152''' S
Amanzimtoti Pumping Station	27° 53' 50.410''' E	26° 35' 48.840''' S
Barnardsvlei Reservoir Site	27° 30' 44.255''' E	25° 46' 27.346''' S
Barrage Site	27° 40' 51.824''' E	26° 45' 52.812''' S
Benoni Reservoir Site no.1	28° 18' 38.215''' E	26° 9' 39.051''' S
Benoni Reservoir Site no.2	28° 18' 29.461''' E	26° 9' 47.707''' S
Bloemendal Pumping Station	28° 34' 0.775''' E	26° 20' 34.413''' S
Blyvooruitzicht Reservoir Site	27° 24' 32.570''' E	26° 22' 40.715''' S
Borehole ZM30	27° 47' 24.983''' E	26° 19' 16.705''' S
Brakfontein Reservoir Site	28° 9' 40.655''' E	25° 55' 27.833''' S
Bronberg Reservoir Site	28° 20' 30.620''' E	25° 47' 34.161''' S
Buffelshoek Break Pressure Tank Site	27° 33' 54.348''' E	25° 48' 32.119''' S
Cullinan Pumping Station	28° 31' 44.252''' E	25° 40' 48.885''' S
Daleside Reservoir Site	28° 1' 58.728''' E	26° 30' 31.080''' S
Driefontein Reservoir Site	27° 26' 33.635''' E	26° 24' 43.764''' S
Eikenhof Pumping Station	27° 58' 28.167''' E	26° 18' 32.971''' S
Esselen Park Break Pressure Tank & Res.	28° 15' 21.743''' E	26° 1' 8.457''' S
Forest Hill No1 & No3 Res. Sites	28° 2' 28.850''' E	26° 15' 43.795''' S
Forest Hill Res. Site No 2	28° 2' 34.063''' E	26° 15' 28.625''' S
Germiston Reservoir Site	28° 8' 59.990''' E	26° 11' 12.603''' S
Hartebeesthoek Reservoir	28° 4' 50.176''' E	25° 40' 29.202''' S
Ironsyde Pumping Station	27° 54' 46.831''' E	26° 29' 22.363''' S
Isando Reservoir Site	28° 12' 8.685''' E	26° 7' 57.800''' S
Klipfontein Reservoir Site	28° 11' 11.863''' E	26° 4' 41.943''' S
Klipriviersberg Reservoir Site	28° 4' 13.784''' E	26° 16' 13.592''' S
Krugersdorp Reservoir Site	27° 48' 30.098''' E	26° 6' 43.510''' S
Langerand Reservoir Site	27° 52' 56.631''' E	26° 35' 9.015''' S
Lethabo Pumping Station & Barrier	27° 59' 34.900''' E	26° 43' 52.302''' S
Libanon Reservoir Site	27° 37' 32.927''' E	26° 21' 35.780''' S
Mamelodi Booster Pumping Station	28° 26' 14.410''' E	25° 41' 10.908''' S
Mapleton Pumping Station	28° 15' 21.959''' E	26° 21' 36.957''' S
Meredale Reservoir Site	27° 58' 27.475''' E	26° 16' 59.742''' S
Meyer's Hill Reservoir Site	28° 4' 53.221''' E	26° 15' 30.189''' S
Modderfontein East Reservoir Site	28° 25' 26.481''' E	26° 10' 36.729''' S
Northridge Reservoir Site	28° 11' 1.499''' E	26° 10' 10.975''' S
Olifantsfontein- Pretoria -Anode Site	28° 14' 28.763''' E	25° 49' 11.040''' S
Palmiet Pumping Station	28° 5' 21.492''' E	26° 18' 22.227''' S
Panfontein Sludge Disposal Site	28° 2' 45.261''' E	26° 43' 6.724''' S
Roodepoort Booster Pumping Station	27° 55' 41.802''' E	26° 11' 45.955''' S
Sasolburg Reservoir Site	27° 50' 33.719''' E	26° 48' 45.975''' S
Spioenkop Reservoir Site	27° 55' 18.998''' E	26° 25' 39.231''' S
Townlands	27° 13' 21.322''' E	25° 36' 44.905''' S
Trichardt Pumping Station	29° 14' 10.322''' E	26° 27' 35.325''' S
Vereeniging Pump Station	27° 54' 33.278''' E	26° 41' 14.423''' S
Vereeniging Pumping Station	27° 54' 54.156''' E	26° 41' 18.387''' S
Vlakfontein Reservoir Site	28° 22' 15.656''' E	26° 8' 35.895''' S
Waterkloof Break Pressure Tank Site	27° 39' 56.253''' E	25° 57' 57.970''' S
Waterval Reservoir Site	27° 57' 14.076''' E	26° 9' 38.541''' S
Wilbeestfontein Reservoir Site	29° 9' 4.196''' E	26° 26' 55.109''' S
Witpoortjie Reservoir Site	27° 47' 30.813''' E	26° 9' 20.696''' S
Zuikerbosch Control Works	28° 4' 38.124''' E	26° 49' 37.555''' S
Zuikerbosch Pumping Station	28° 1' 0.904''' E	26° 41' 13.519''' S
Zuurbekom No. 2 PS-Borehole Pumping	27° 47' 29.662''' E	26° 18' 48.490''' S
Zwartkopjes Pumping Station	28° 4' 36.465''' E	26° 22' 39.023''' S