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### **NNR ACCEPTS THE THYSPUNT AND DUYNEFONTYN NUCLEAR INSTALLATION SITE LICENCE (NISL) APPLICATIONS FOR FURTHER PROCESSING**

**- 28 July 2016, Centurion, Pretoria, South Africa –**

On 10 March 2016 , the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) received two Nuclear Installation Site Licence (NISL) applications from ESKOM Holdings SOC(Ltd). The sites applied for are; - Thyspunt in the Eastern Cape and Duynefontyn in the Western Cape. Both applications mentioned the applicant's intention to construct and operate multiple nuclear installations (power reactors) and associated auxiliary nuclear installations of a plant type and technology not yet identified.

The NNR completed its initial review of the NISL applications received and has found both applications to be compliant with relevant national policies as well as the NNR Act and associated regulations and has accepted the applications for further processing, stated Mr Peter Bester, NNR Special Nuclear Projects Coordinator.

The NNR has directed the applicant to serve copies of the NISL applications on the persons, bodies, organisations, local authorities and municipalities and to publish the application in the public domain in accordance with the NNR Act. In terms of Section 21(4) of the NNR Act, initial representations may be made related to health, safety and environmental issues connected with the applications by persons affected by the granting of such a Nuclear Installation Site Licence, to the Board of the NNR within 30 days from the date of receipt of the notice.

Directing the applicant to inform the public and solicit comment on the NISL application is the first phase of the NNRs, public participation process. The second phase entails deeper engagement in the form of a formal public hearings process pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 (4) (b) of the NNR Act. During this process the applicant is required to develop a Public Information Document (PID) in

accordance with the NNR's requirements which will be used by stakeholders to make in depth representations during the NNRs public hearings process. Information on the NISL application and the NNRs public hearings process will be made available on the NNR's website. Please visit:[www.nnr.co.za](http://www.nnr.co.za)

Should you require more information, please contact me.

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### **About the National Nuclear Regulator**

The National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) is a public entity which is established and governed in terms of Section 3 of the National Nuclear Regulator Act, (Act No 47 of 1999). The fundamental objective of the NNR is to provide for the protection of persons, property and the environment against nuclear damage through the establishment of safety standards and regulatory practices suited for South Africa. To this end, the NNR provides oversight and assurance that activities related to the peaceful use of nuclear energy in South Africa are carried out in a safe manner and in accordance with international principles and best practices.