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**NATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATOR'S (NNR) PRONOUNCEMENT ON ESKOM'S  
APPLICATION FOR A NUCLEAR INSTALLATION SITE LICENCE FOR THE  
THYSPUNT SITE.**

Following an in-depth assessment of the Nuclear Installation Site Licence (NISL) application submitted by Eskom Holdings, the NNR Board confirms that a final decision cannot be made at this stage due to identified information gaps and outdated data in relation to the application under consideration.

The NNR identified information gaps and outdated data related to population demographics, current land usage, and regional development plans and projections of the above data commensurate with the design life of nuclear installations. A probabilistic risk assessment using site characteristics was also not submitted by the applicant. An application for a NISL is subject to compliance with the National Nuclear Regulator Act (Act No. 47 of 1999), Regulations on Licensing of Sites for New Nuclear Installations (R.927), and (Regulations on Safety Standards and Regulatory Practices (R.388).

“A pre-requisite to granting a NISL is the applicant’s demonstration of compliance with NNR regulatory requirements.” confirmed Mr Orion Phillips, Divisional Executive Nuclear Power Plants.

The NNR has notified the applicant of the current status of the application, and will publish a stakeholder notice on its website.

“The evaluation of the NISL application has been wide-ranging and comprehensive. It was not limited to technical or engineering factors alone, but it encompassed and considered public and other stakeholder inputs as well. The NNR remains ready to perform the requisite additional reviews and assessments when or if ESKOM submits the required outstanding information.” stated Dr. Thapelo Motshudi, NNR Board Chairperson.

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