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REGULATORY UPDATE: ESKOM'S REQUEST TO SUBMIT OUTSTANDING INFORMATION CONNECTED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR A NUCLEAR INSTALLATION SITE LICENCE FOR THE THYSPUNT SITE.

The National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) announced a decision to grant Eskom Holdings an extension until 31 March 2024 to submit all outstanding information connected with the Thyspunt Nuclear Installation Site Licence Application.

Following the NNR held public hearings for the Thyspunt Nuclear Installation Site Licence in August and November 2021 an in-depth assessment was conducted by the NNR. From the assessment, the NNR concluded that it could not finalise its decision due to outdated data and outstanding information connected with the application. Eskom was informed of the outcome and elected to address the information gaps and submit the required additional information to the NNR. On 22 March 2023, Eskom requested approval from the NNR to submit the additional information by 31 March 2024. After consideration the NNR granted approval of the request made by Eskom.

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The National Nuclear Regulator and Nuclear Installation Site Licensing

The NNR is a public entity established and governed in terms of section 3 of the National Nuclear Regulator Act, (Act No. 47 of 1999) 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.

An application for a Nuclear Installation Site Licence must comply with regulatory requirements which are contained in (1) the National Nuclear Regulator Act (Act No. 47 of 1999), (2) Regulations on Licensing of Sites for New Nuclear Installations (R 927) and (3) Regulations on Safety Standards and Regulatory Practices (R 388) and Regulations on the Format for the Application for a Nuclear Installation Licence or a Certificate of Registration or a Certificate of Exemption (R 1219).