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NATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATOR (NNR) APPROVES THE REQUEST FROM ESKOM TO SEPARATE THE OPERATIONAL TIMELINES FOR KOEBERG UNIT 1 AND UNIT 2.

On 25 January 2024, the NNR approved the request to separate the operating timelines of the Koeberg Unit 1 and Unit 2. After completing its safety assessment, the NNR confirmed that the approval of the separation of the units will not impact the safety of the Koeberg nuclear power station.

The Koeberg nuclear power station is operated under the Nuclear Installation Licence, NIL-01 Variation 19 and associated 29 conditions.

Noting that Koeberg Unit 1 was commissioned for commercial operation in July 1984 while Unit 2 commenced commercial operation in November 1985, this NNR approval authorises the operation of the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station Unit 1 until 21 July 2024 and the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station Unit 2 until 9 November 2025, in line with the operational design life.

The NNR approval to separate the operating life timelines does not imply that the Long-Term Operation application has been approved by the NNR.

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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 and secure manner and in accordance with international principles and best practices.

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