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NATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATOR (NNR) CONCLUDES PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE KOEBERG NUCLEAR POWER STATION LONG TERM OPERATIONS APPLICATION.

Cape Town, 8 June 2024 – The Chairperson of the NNR Board of Directors, Mr Protas Phili announced that the NNR has concluded the public consultation process for the Koeberg Long Term Operations (LTO) application received by the NNR. “We received written, verbal and oral representations from members of the public as well as interested and affected parties. The NNR board would like to thank everyone who participated in this consultation process. All representations received from the notice and comment stage as well as from the two sets of hearings will be duly considered internally in the NNRs final regulatory decision making process for the Koeberg LTO application.” added Mr Phili.

The first phase of the consultation process started in January 2023 in the form of a public notice and comment stage. After the notice and comment stage the NNR Board took a decision to hold public hearings to afford members of the public an opportunity to make representations on health, safety and environment issues connected with the Koeberg LTO application.

The NNR held public hearings on 3,10 and 17 February 2024 in Cape Town in the Western Cape and on 3 and 4 June 2024 in the Northern Cape as well as on 6,7 and 8 June 2024 in the Western Cape.

The NNR will communicate its decision on the Koeberg LTO application in due course.

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About the National Nuclear Regulator

The National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) is an independent regulatory body established as a juristic person in terms of section 3 of the National Nuclear Regulator Act, (Act No.47 of 1999). The NNR ensures the effective oversight of nuclear safety and radiation protection to protect people and the environment from the risks of ionizing radiation associated with nuclear power plants, nuclear technology, radioactive waste and naturally occurring radioactive materials.

The authority vested in the NNR is enshrined in national legislation, which gives it the ability to permit (or deny) siting, design, construction, operation, manufacture of component parts, and decontamination, decommissioning, and closure of nuclear installations.