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NATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATOR (NNR) BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES LTO FOR KOEBERG UNIT 1 WITH CONDITIONS AND DEFERS THE ASSESSMENT OF UNIT 2 TO BEFORE NOVEMBER 2025.

On 15 July 2024, the NNR announced that its assessment of the Koeberg LTO application concluded that the application is compliant with the technical provisions contained in “Regulations on the Long-Term Operation of Nuclear Installations (R.266)” together with the relevant documentation. Based on the outcomes of the assessment, the NNR Board therefore grants approval for Koeberg Unit 1 with conditions.

The Board further noted that for Koeberg Unit 2, given that the evaluation process for the 20 year extension is still in progress and the current Unit 2 licence sustains until 9 November 2025, the decision is deferred to be made before November 2025.

The NNR would like to thank members of the public, civil society organisations and stakeholders for participating in the public consultations held on issues relating to health, safety and environment connected with the LTO application. “We listened attentively to your oral presentations during the eight public hearings sessions and reviewed the numerous written comments received.” said NNR CEO Ditebogo Kgomo at the media briefing session.

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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.