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NATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATOR (NNR) APPROVES 20 YEAR LONG TERM OPERATIONS (LTO) LICENCE FOR KOEBERG UNIT 2.

Centurion, South Africa, 6 November 2025 - The NNR Board of Directors today announced its decision to grant a LTO licence for Koeberg Nuclear Power Station's Unit 2. This licence authorises the operation of Unit 2 for an additional 20-year period of extended operation.

The decision follows a comprehensive and transparent regulatory process, which included a third set of public hearings held in the Northern and Western Cape provinces in late September and early October 2025 so that public concerns could be considered in the decision. This process was initiated after Eskom submitted additional information related to its LTO application.

"The NNR's primary mandate is to protect persons, property, and the environment against the harmful effects of radiation. This licence approval was granted after a rigorous safety assessment which confirmed that all regulatory requirements for the period of long-term operation have been met for Unit 2 and relevant public representations were considered in the decision-making process," said NNR Board Chairperson, Mr Protas Phili.

The NNR wishes to thank all members of the public for the written submissions and oral representations during the public hearing sessions held in 2024 and again in September and October 2025. We acknowledge the time and effort invested by all parties to ensure their views on health, safety, and environmental matters were heard.

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About the National Nuclear Regulator

The National Nuclear Regulator 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 exercises regulatory control and provides 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.