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Attention:

Mr K Makola Eskom North West: Acting General Manager

Me L Manzana Mr S Mosela

RE: RESTORATION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO TAPOLOGO LODGE & ZEERUST TRUCK STOP.

- 1. We write you today to express our disappointment with Eskom's disconnection of electricity supply to the mentioned institutions in Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality.
- 2. It is our duty to remind you that legal precedent has been set in 2017 where the High Court confirmed that Eskom may only suspend electricity supply for mechanical or technical maintenance or repairs.
- 3. Attached to the mail the judgement.
- 4. Last year, the Constitutional Court ruled that Eskom cannot unilaterally suspend electricity supply.
- 5. Judgement attached to the mail.
- 6. It is unethical that Eskom is abusing the affected businesses by holding them ransom for the failure of the Ramotshere Moiloa Local Municipality to service one of its bulk electricity accounts.
- 7. Notwithstanding Eskom's right to demand payment, however, other legal measures are available to Eskom to pursue debt recovery that would not further lend itself to the abuse the mentioned businesses.
- 8. We expect your urgent response to this letter through the restoration of electricity supply to the two places of business.
- 9. Yours in service delivery.

Cornél Dreyer

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