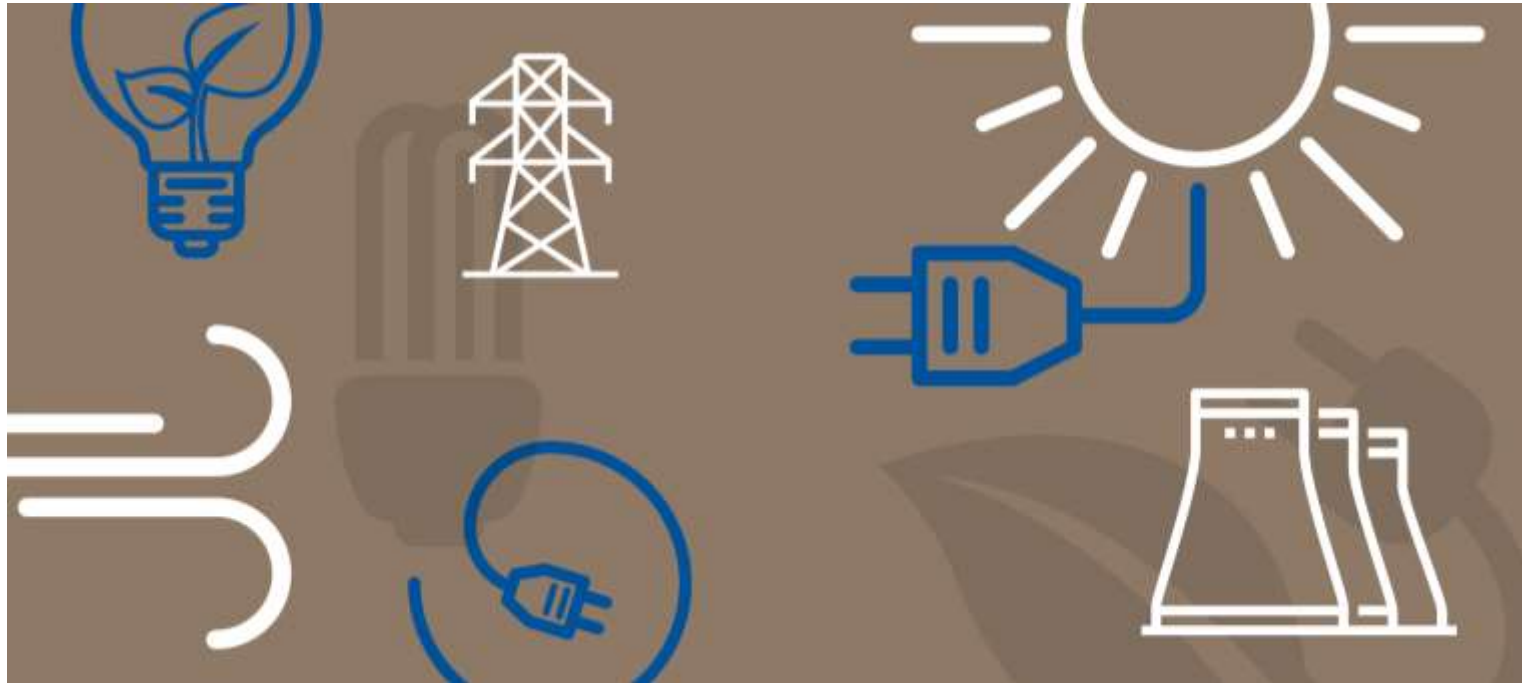


# Eskom group annual results

for the year ended 31 March 2020



30 October 2020

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# High-level overview



# Disappointing financial results for the year ended 31 March 2020

- Revenue of R200 billion, but sales 1.29% lower than 2019, with growth hampered by capacity shortages and adverse economic conditions
- Cost savings of R16.3 billion achieved against a target of R6.2 billion, but largely absorbed by cost overruns on diesel to minimise loadshedding
- Improvement in EBITDA to R37 billion arising from growth in revenue
- Operating profit (EBIT) of R9.2 billion in a challenging environment
- Unsustainable debt burden leads to net finance cost of R31.3 billion, resulting in a net loss R20.5 billion
- Net cash from operations improved overall, but liquidity remains constrained
- Favourable court judgments received on a number of NERSA revenue review applications
- Government support of R49 billion received in 2020 to support Eskom's status as a going concern, with R56 billion committed for 2021. Funds are reserved for debt servicing
- Secured gross funding of R50.9 billion for 2020, exceeding our target

# Some progress made, off a low base

- In November 2018, significant coal stock shortages at a number of stations
- Normalised coal stock up to 50 days by 31 March 2020
- Total coal burn cost for the 2021 financial year projected to increase by only 0.3% year-on-year
- Total of R7.5 billion spent on diesel-generated power to avoid or minimise loadshedding during 2020. Eskom OCGT costs for the 2021 financial year projected to reduce by 30%
- Reliability maintenance programme launched at end of 2020, planned maintenance in October 2020 >14%
- Kusile Unit 2 achieved commercial operation on 29 October 2020
- Medupi design modifications successfully implemented on four units by October 2020
- Divisionalisation as a first step towards restructuring, separate Transmission subsidiary by December 2021
- More assertive approach to debt collection and distribution energy loss prevention is delivering results
  - ❖ Municipal payment levels being maintained, despite challenging economic conditions
  - ❖ Top 20 defaulting municipalities' payment rate up from 42% at March 2020 to 49% at September 2020
  - ❖ Soweto payment improved from 12.5% at March 2019 to 21% at March 2020

# COVID-19 will have a substantial impact going forward

- Eskom's Pandemic Disaster Response Plan invoked in February 2020 to contain spread of the virus, maintain the supply of electricity as an essential service, and maintain the safety of people
- ❖ Decline of 10.3% in sales volumes year-to-date, compared to a decline of 16.5% in the first quarter. Overall, sales volumes for 2021 are expected to be around 7% lower than 2020
- ❖ Average demand was down 5 680MW during lockdown level 5, by 3 300MW during level 4, by 1 360MW during level 3, by 365MW during level 2, and 491MW in level 1. Demand largely recovered to previous levels
- ❖ Planned and opportunity maintenance was undertaken during initial lockdown due to lower demand
- ❖ Loadshedding implemented on 19 days (July to Sept) due to high levels of breakdowns and high demand
- ❖ Delays in executing capital projects due to lockdown restrictions relating to movement of people
- ❖ Tragically, 27 employees and three contractors have succumbed to the disease at 28 October 2020
- Revised Eskom's Corporate Plan for the impact of COVID-19 and other changes in the operating environment
- COVID-19 is a significant risk the factor affecting the global and local economy, as well as our business, now and into the foreseeable future



# Operational performance and outlook



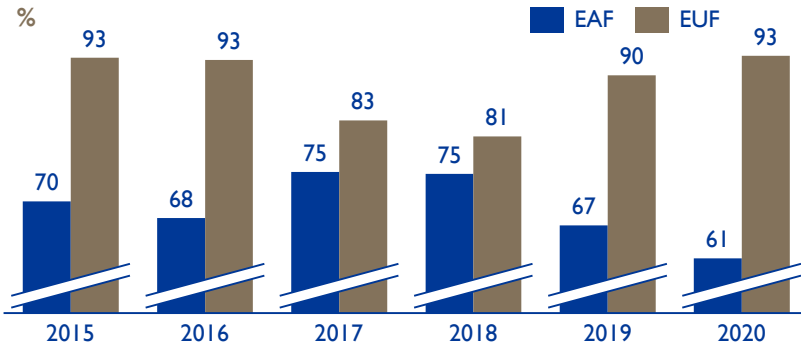


# Some significant challenges in the 2020 financial year

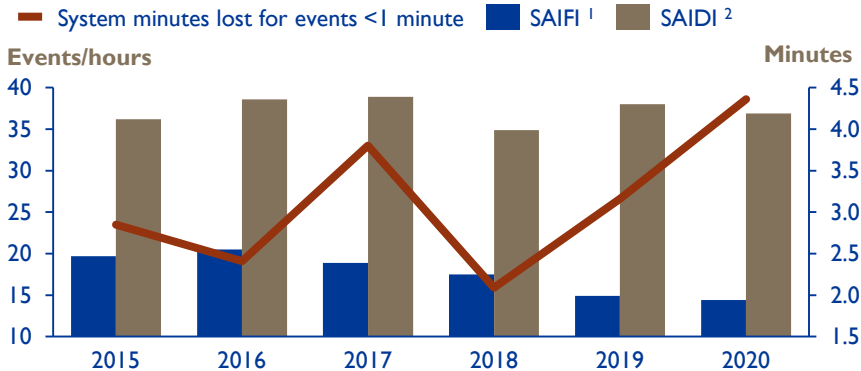
- Generation energy availability factor (EAF) at 66.64%, together with unplanned maintenance at levels exceeding 20%, contributing to 46 days of loadshedding during the 2020 financial year
- Stage 6 loadshedding on 9 December 2019 was a nadir for Eskom and South Africa
- Severe transmission plant failures negatively affected system reliability and system minutes <I performance
- Environmental performance remained poor, particularly at Kendal Power Station
- Slow progress on implementing supply chain recovery with inefficiencies in the procurement process hampering operations and delivery on maintenance programme
- Municipal arrear debt escalated by 41% to R28 billion
- Community resistance, vandalism of equipment and threats to employees hamper efforts to curb electricity theft and non-payment
- Five critical risks materialised during March 2020, three being disaster risks

# Generating plant and transmission network performance declined, distribution remained stable

## Coal plant availability and utilisation



## Network performance



1. System average interruption frequency index

2. System average interruption duration index

- Generation EAF declined to 66.64% (2019: 69.95%), mainly due to worsening coal plant performance
- Unplanned capability losses of 22.86% (2019: 18.31%), with average partial load losses of 4 651MW
- Coal energy utilisation factor (EUF) increased to 93% (2019: 90%). Median age of plant of 39 years
- Distribution network delivered stable performance, although Transmission performance deteriorated
- Ageing network assets pose a risk
- Medupi Units 3 and 2 achieved commercial operation, adding capacity of 1 588MW
- 250MVA transformer capacity installed, 127.9km of high-voltage transmission lines commissioned

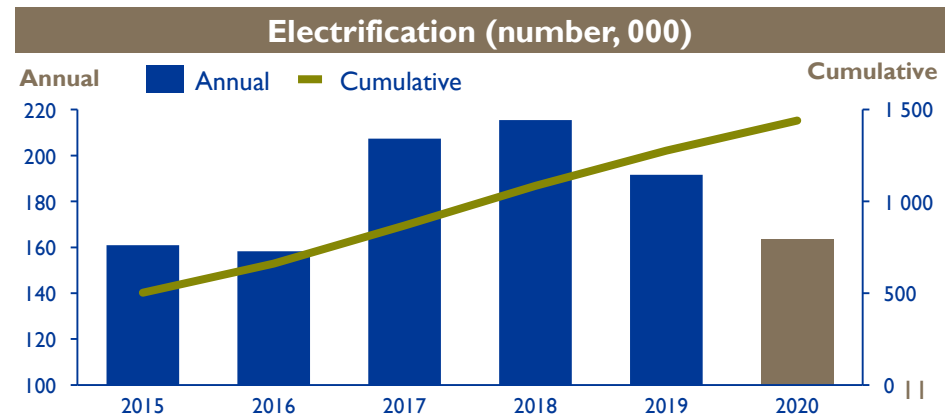
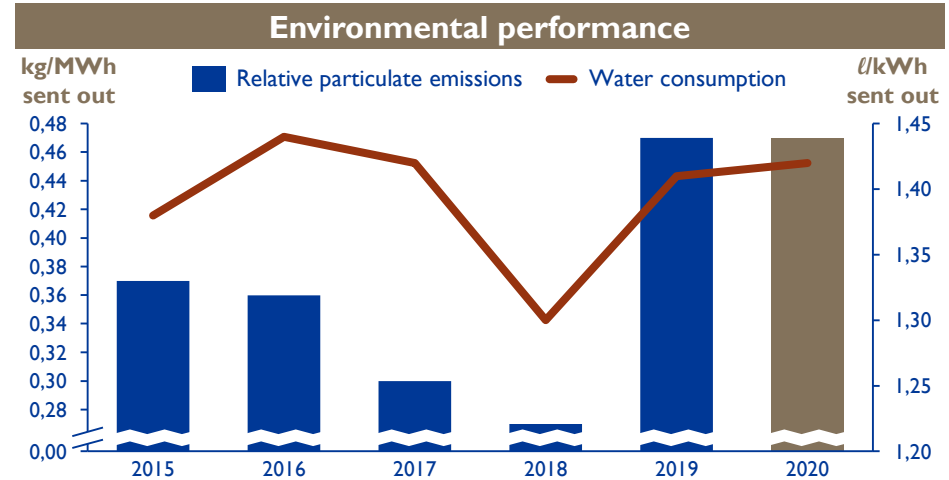
- From May 2020, design modifications implemented on Medupi Units 3, 6, 1 and 4, with the remainder to be completed by March 2021
- Medupi Unit 3 has achieved five consecutive months of improved performance since implementing design modifications
- Availability and reliability of the synchronised units at Medupi and Kusile are steadily improving
- Units in commercial operation: Medupi Units 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2 (3 970MW), and Kusile Units 1 and 2 (1 600MW)
- Medupi Unit 1 on track for commercial operation by July 2021
- Kusile Unit 3 on track for commercial operation by March 2021
- Currently, six units at Medupi and three at Kusile are contributing energy to the National Grid








# Environmental performance declines, with stable socio-economic and safety performance



- Poor particulate emission performance continues, with increased water consumption
- 163 613 new households connected (2019: 191 585)
- Lost-time injury rate of 0.30 (2019: 0.31)
- Sadly, nine contractor fatalities during the year (2019: four, restated)
- Zero employee fatalities (2019: three)
- B-BBEE attributable spend of R102 billion (2019: R85 billion)
- Continued improvement in racial and gender equity. Disability equity did not meet target
- 1 479 395 beneficiaries through CSI programmes



# Progress is being made on the turnaround

 <p><b>Operations recovery</b></p>	 <p><b>Improve income statement</b></p>	 <p><b>Improve balance sheet</b></p>	 <p><b>Business separation</b></p>	 <p><b>People and culture</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coal stocks replenished</li> <li>• Coal quality a focus</li> <li>• Reliability maintenance ongoing</li> <li>• New build design defects being addressed</li> <li>• Kusile 2 commercial operation achieved</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful legal challenges on tariff decisions</li> <li>• Headcount reduced by about 2 000 in 2020</li> <li>• Coal burn cost projected to increase only 0.3% in 2021</li> <li>• OCGT spend for 2021 expected to be 30% lower than 2020</li> <li>• Payment levels for customers in arrears rising</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equity injections by Government to support debt servicing</li> <li>• Working capital being freed up, more assertive in collecting debt</li> <li>• Eskom compact agreed at Nedlac positive</li> <li>• Green financing being explored</li> <li>• High levels of debt requires structural solution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divisionalisation implemented</li> <li>• Divisional boards in place</li> <li>• Planning for functional separation by Mar 2021</li> <li>• Transmission legal separation by Dec 2021</li> <li>• Process to dispose of non-core assets (EFC and properties) commenced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Driving high-performance culture</li> <li>• Consequence management stepped up</li> <li>• Regular staff engagements</li> </ul>

# There is light at the end of the tunnel

- Generation outlook is improving, due to restructured organisational structure and enhanced maintenance focus, combined with priority being given to environmental issues
- End-of-life power stations (8 to 10GW) being retired, further capacity needed without delay
- Eskom welcomes DMRE procurement of 11 813MW of new electricity generation infrastructure under the IRP 2019, and 2 000MW of emergency procurement
- Substantial capital investment required to fund Transmission expansion and strengthening, as well as investment in cost-plus mines to sustain production
- Distribution revenue collection remains a challenge, but payment levels are improving
- Just Energy Transition Strategy brings equitable introduction of cleaner and greener technology
- Financial position remains challenging, largely as a result of unsustainable debt burden and tariffs that are not cost-reflective



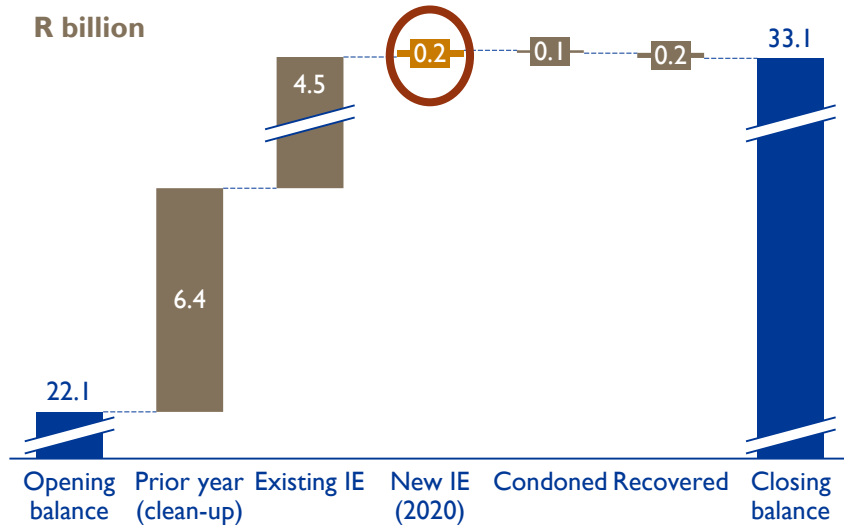
# Financial performance and outlook



- In 2019, we announced that we would focus on the following financial issues to drive the turnaround:
  - ❖ Revenue optimisation through achieving cost-reflective tariffs and increasing sales volumes
  - ❖ Cost curtailment through cash savings on operational and capital costs, to improve liquidity and financial sustainability
  - ❖ Debt relief through Government support
- Although we have made progress in the majority of these areas, municipal arrear debt escalated to R28 billion. Soweto payment levels improved from 12.5% to 20.7%
- Audit opinion – 2020 consolidated annual financial statements fairly presented in terms of IFRS, except:
  - ❖ Qualified audit opinion relating to irregular expenditure under the PFMA
  - ❖ Material uncertainty regarding Eskom's status as going concern
  - ❖ Key audit matter on treatment of Eskom Pension and Provident Fund (EPPF)
  - ❖ New reportable irregularities raised



# Process to manage irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenses improved, more initiatives under way

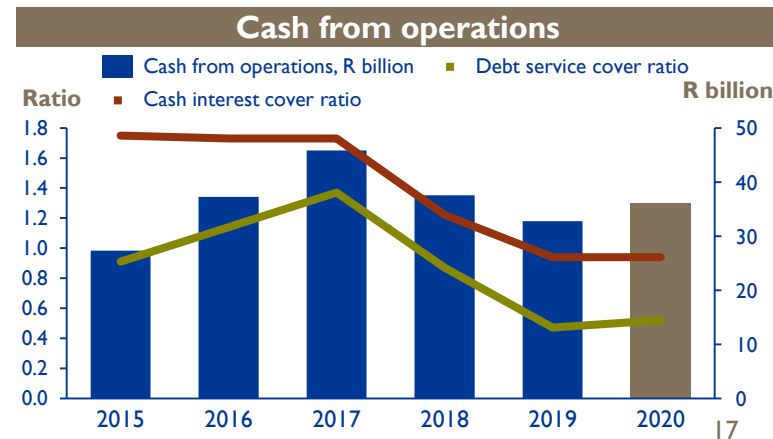
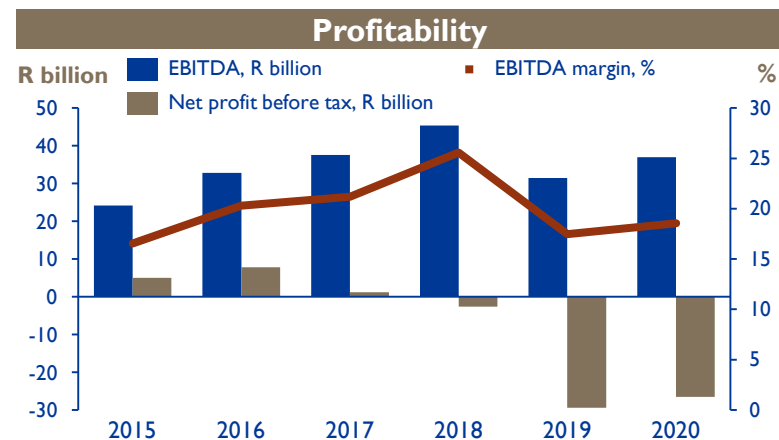


New irregular expenses	Number	R million
Tender process and DoA	29	118
Other	44	73
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>191</b>

- Reporting directives amended to comply with recent National Treasury instructions
- Slow progress on condonations from National Treasury – until condoned, expenditure on affected contracts will remain irregular
- Loss Control Department to be established to address PFMA violations and oversight of consequence management, including disciplinary actions, condonations and recovery of losses
- Enabling agreements to address irregular expenditure from existing sole source contracts
- Driving a procurement roadmap to improve internal procurement processes as well as contract management

# Most financial indicators improved slightly, but remain well below acceptable levels

Ratio	Restated <sup>1</sup>	
	March 2020	March 2019
Revenue, R million	199 468	↑ 179 892
EBITDA, R million	36 998	↑ 31 417
Operating profit (EBIT), R million	9 219	↑ 1 679
Net loss after tax, R million	(20 502)	↓ (20 930)
EBITDA margin, %	18.55	↑ 17.46
Cash interest cover, ratio	0.94	→ 0.94
Debt service cover, ratio	0.52	↑ 0.47
Gross debt/EBITDA, ratio	14.39	↓ 15.73
Debt/equity (including long-term provisions), ratio	2.45	↓ 3.18
Gearing, %	71	↓ 76
Free funds from operations (FFO) as a % of gross debt	7.26	↑ 5.88



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# Operating profit achieved, but eroded by excessive debt servicing costs

Income statement R million	Restated <sup>1</sup>		
	March 2020	March 2019	YoY % change
Revenue	199 468	179 892	11
Other income	1 238	2 150	
Primary energy	(112 119)	(99 488)	(13)
Net employee benefit expenses	(32 976)	(33 183)	
Net impairment reversal	61	260	
Other expenses	(18 674)	(18 214)	3
<b>EBITDA</b> (before net fair value loss)	<b>36 998</b>	31 417	18
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	(27 779)	(29 738)	7
<b>Operating profit (EBIT)</b>	<b>9 219</b>	1 679	>400
Net fair value loss on financial instruments and embedded derivatives	(4 592)	(3 409)	(35)
Net finance cost	(31 252)	(27 732)	(13)
Share of profit of equity-accounted investees	63	35	
<b>Loss before tax</b>	<b>(26 562)</b>	(29 427)	10
Income tax credit	6 060	8 497	(29)
<b>Net loss for the year</b>	<b>(20 502)</b>	(20 930)	2

- Revenue: 13.87% tariff increase, offset by capitalisation of pre-commissioning revenue and declining sales due to economic downturn
- Primary energy cost: higher coal cost coupled with higher OCGT utilisation and IPP production
- Employee benefit cost: headcount reduction through attrition, offset by three-year wage settlement agreement
- Depreciation: units at Hendrina and Komati placed in cold reserve in 2019
- Finance costs: higher indebtedness, coupled with more expensive borrowing costs

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# Electricity revenue increased by 12% (before IFRS adjustments)

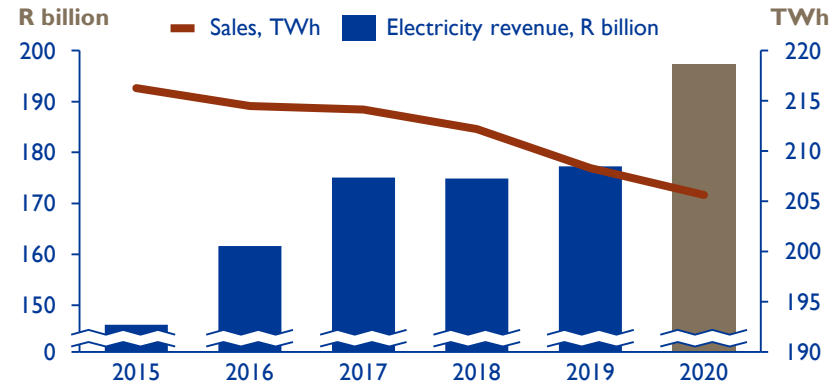
	March 2020	March 2019	YoY % change
<b>Revenue, R million</b>			
Local	196 868	178 906	10
International	12 229	8 241	48
<b>Gross electricity revenue</b>	<b>209 097</b>	<b>187 147</b>	<b>12</b>
Net revenue not recognised (IFRS 15)	(6 107)	(6 442)	5
<b>Total electricity revenue</b>	<b>202 990</b>	<b>180 705</b>	<b>12</b>
Other revenue	2 161	2 580	(16)
Capitalised	(5 683)	(3 393)	(68)
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>199 468</b>	<b>179 892</b>	<b>11</b>

## Sales, GWh

Local	<b>190 446</b>	195 858	(2.8)
International	<b>15 189</b>	12 461	21.9
<b>Total sales</b>	<b>205 635</b>	<b>208 319</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>

- Reduction in sales across all domestic sectors, while international sales grew. Industrial sector most affected by the economic downturn and depressed commodity prices
- Average price increase of 13.2%, from 90.01c/kWh to 101.86c/kWh
- IFRS 15 applies the cash basis for defaulting customers, negatively impacting revenue

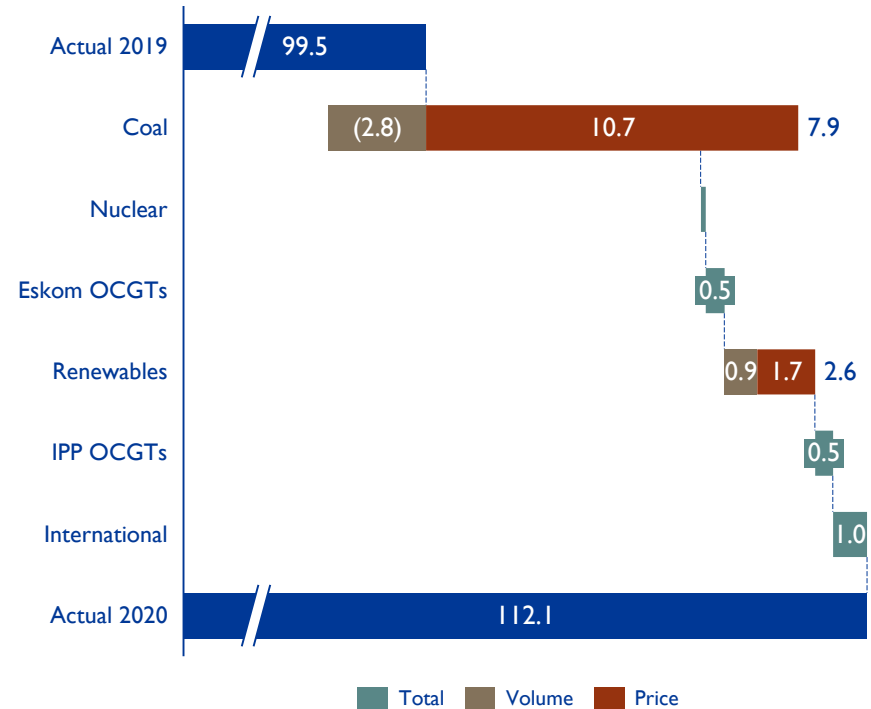
## Sales and revenue



# Primary energy cost increased by 13%

- Eskom production volume reduced to 214 968GWh while IPP production volume increased to 11 958GWh (2019: 218 939GWh Eskom, 11 344GWh IPPs)
- Total Eskom and IPP OCGT cost of R7.5 billion, an increase of R1 billion
- Eskom production cost increased by R8.5 billion, or 14%
- Increase of 16.3% in the average coal purchase cost per ton, mainly due to short-term contracts concluded to rebuild stockpiles
- Renewable IPP cost increased by R2.6 billion and IPP OCGTs by R0.5 billion

## Primary energy cost increase, R billion



# Balance sheet strengthened through Government support



<b>Financial position, R million</b>	<b>March 2020</b>	<b>Restated <sup>1</sup> March 2019</b>	<b>YoY % change</b>
Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	657 189	654 365	<1
Working capital – inventory and current receivables	57 563	49 041	17
Liquid assets – cash and cash equivalents and investments	34 971	11 594	202
Derivatives held for risk management	57 636	22 662	154
Other assets <sup>2</sup>	15 580	18 042	(14)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>822 939</b>	<b>755 704</b>	<b>9</b>
Equity <sup>3</sup>	185 863	149 978	24
Debt securities and borrowings	483 682	440 610	10
Working capital – current payables	54 904	50 945	8
Derivatives held for risk management	2 941	7 040	(58)
Other liabilities <sup>4</sup>	95 549	107 131	(11)
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>822 939</b>	<b>755 704</b>	<b>9</b>

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2. Mainly comprises assets held for sale and future fuel

3. Includes Government support of R49 billion received during the 2020 financial year

4. Mainly comprises non-current provisions, employee benefit obligations, contract liabilities and lease liabilities

# Reliance on debt is unsustainable – gross finance costs are the second largest cost after primary energy

Group debt overview, R million	March	Restated <sup>1</sup>	YoY % change
	2020	March 2019	
Debt securities and borrowings	483 682	440 610	10
Net market making liabilities	62	76	
Cash and cash equivalents <sup>2</sup>	(22 990)	(2 031)	>1 000
Net derivatives held for risk management <sup>2</sup>	(54 695)	(15 622)	>250
<b>Net interest-bearing debt</b>	<b>406 059</b>	<b>423 034</b>	<b>(4)</b>

Group finance cost overview, R million			
Finance cost	42 305	39 507	7
Finance income	(2 610)	(2 722)	4
Borrowings capitalised to assets	(14 584)	(15 378)	5
Other finance costs, including unwinding	6 141	6 325	(3)
<b>Net finance cost</b>	<b>31 252</b>	<b>27 732</b>	<b>13</b>

- Growth in debt securities and borrowings largely attributable to weakening of the Rand in March 2020, with corresponding growth in derivative assets due to comprehensive hedging of market exposures
- Debt raising of R32 billion, offset by debt repayments of R31.5 billion (excluding commercial paper)
- Average cost of debt increased to 9.58% (2019: 9.33%)
- Approximately 72% of debt at fixed interest rates

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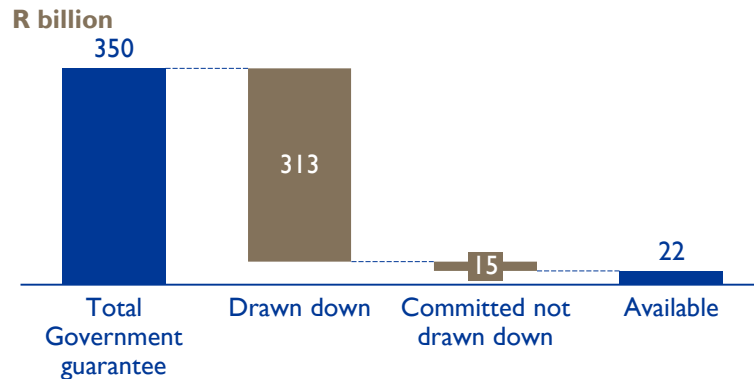
2. In the table above, assets are reflected as negative amounts

# Secured 64% of funding for the 2021 financial year by 30 September 2020

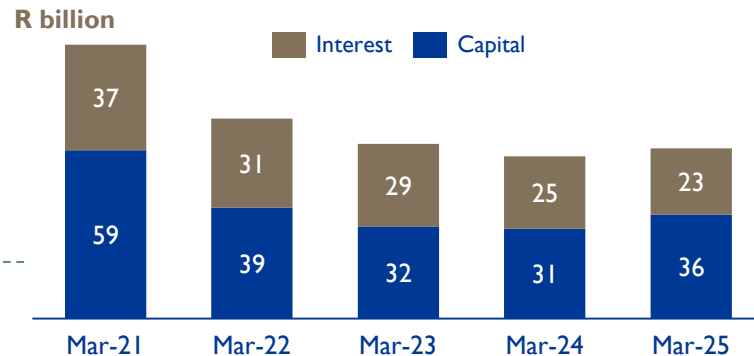
R billion	Actual funding 2020	Funding plan 2021	Committed and signed 2021
DFIs	15.5	12.4	11.7
ECAs	0.3	0.6	0.6
International bonds	–	–	–
Domestic bonds and notes >1 year	11.0	5.1	5.1
Domestic bonds and notes ≤1 year	7.9	2.9	1.2
Structured products	–	8.2	–
Bank funding	1.2	1.5	1.0
<b>Funding</b>	<b>35.9</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>19.6</b>
Rollover of structured products	15.0	–	–
<b>Total funding<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>19.6</b>
<b>% secured</b>			<b>64%</b>

Debt servicing costs (after hedging) of R96 billion in 2021, reducing to R70 billion in 2022, and averaging around R60 billion per year to 2025

## Guarantee utilisation allocation at 31 March 2020



## Debt maturity profile at 31 March 2020

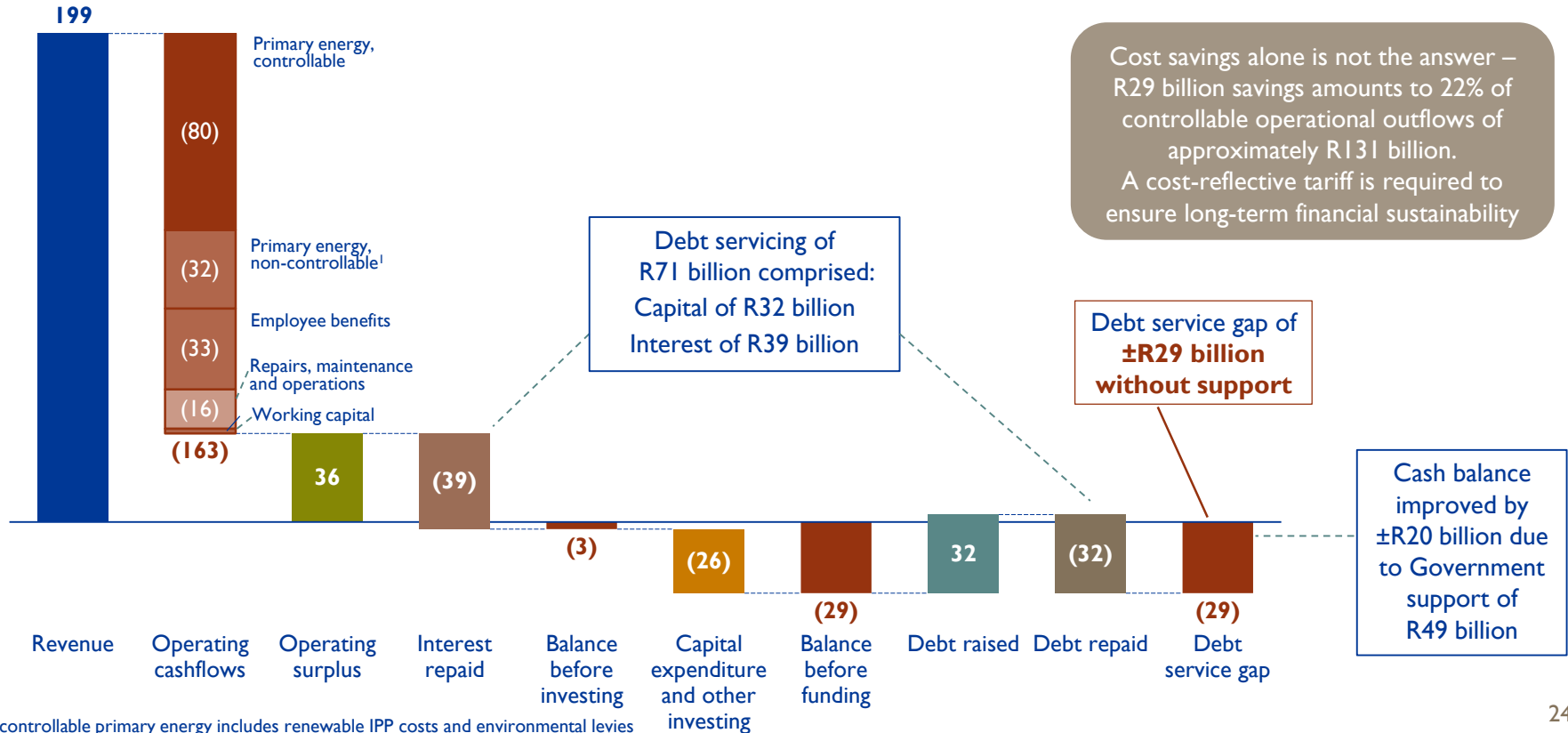


1. Gross of commercial paper 2. Funding sources targeted for 2021 are subject to change depending on requirements



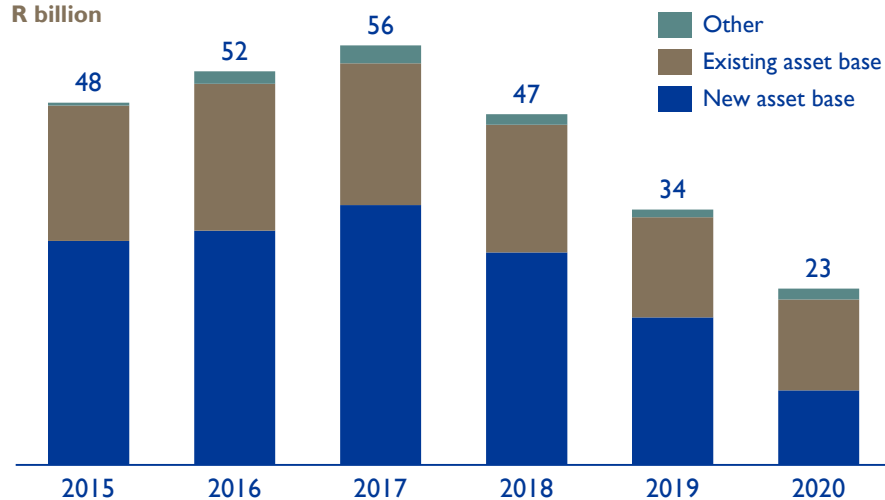
# Without Government support, cash from operations would have been insufficient to meet debt servicing

## Cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2020, R billion



# Capital expenditure contained to manage liquidity

## Total Eskom funded capital expenditure

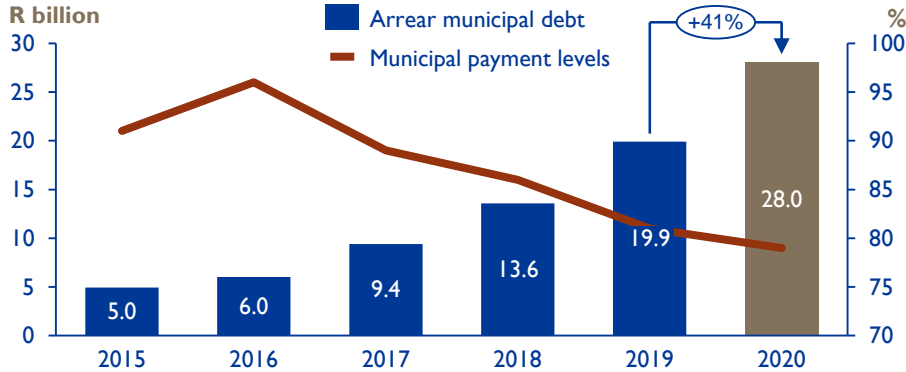


R billion	2020	2019
Medupi	2.9	4.9
Kusile	2.5	8.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>13.5</b>

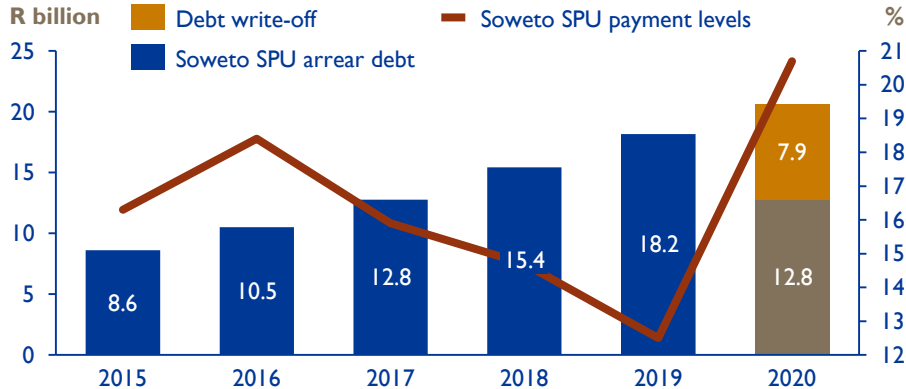
- Total Eskom group funded capital of R23 billion (2019: R34 billion), with R10 billion used to expand the asset base and R12 billion spent on existing assets
- Restricted organisational capital expenditure requirements to improve liquidity
- Continued deferral of capital maintenance, refurbishment and replacement of infrastructure may lead to operational challenges
- Medupi: R118.4 billion spent, cost to completion of R145 billion (excludes FGD)
- Kusile: R137.4 billion spent, cost to completion of R161.4 billion (includes FGD)

# Arrear municipal debt continues to escalate, leading to additional liquidity pressure

## Invoiced municipal arrear debt



## Soweto small power user (SPU) debt



- Invoiced municipal arrear debt (including interest) escalated by R8.1 billion, to R28 billion
- Payment level of 79% by municipalities (excluding metros) on amounts billed, declining from 96% in 2016
- Payment level of 42% for top 20 defaulting municipalities
- Commenced a municipal debt management strategy to reduce and/or eliminate overdue debt, stop defaulting where it occurs, and prevent future defaulting by paying customers, including attachment of municipal assets
- Collaborating with the Eskom Political Task Team to address ongoing municipal debt challenges
- Invoiced Soweto SPU arrear debt (including interest) decreased to R12.8 billion (2019: R18.2 billion), after writing off *in duplum* debt components of R7.9 billion
- Debt recovered from ZESCO of Zambia and ZETDC of Zimbabwe; EDM of Mozambique remains in arrears

# Some progress achieved in correcting the lack of cost-reflective revenue determinations

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## **MYPD 3 RCA (2015, 2016 and 2017)**

- Favourable court judgment received in June 2020
- NERSA public consultation process, with final determination expected by 26 February 2021

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## **MYPD 3 RCA (2018)**

- Eskom founding affidavit submitted in April 2020, NERSA has served its notice to oppose

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## **2019 revenue decision**

- Favourable court judgment received in March 2020
- Eskom submitted a supplementary tariff application of R5.4 billion
- NERSA public consultation process, with final determination expected by 26 February 2021

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## **MYPD 4 revenue decision (2020 to 2022)**

- Favourable court judgment received in July 2020
- Court reviewed and set aside NERSA's determination – Eskom to recover R69 billion in a phased manner over a three-year period, from the 2022 financial year
- NERSA granted leave to appeal the judgment in the Supreme Court of Appeal
- Eskom has applied for execution of the order while awaiting the appeal process

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## **2019 RCA**

- NERSA decision of R13.3 billion in response to an application of R27.3 billion
- Reasons for decision published in October 2020
- NERSA decision on timing of recovery expected by 26 November 2020

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Eskom will submit an RCA application of about R10 billion for the 2020 financial year

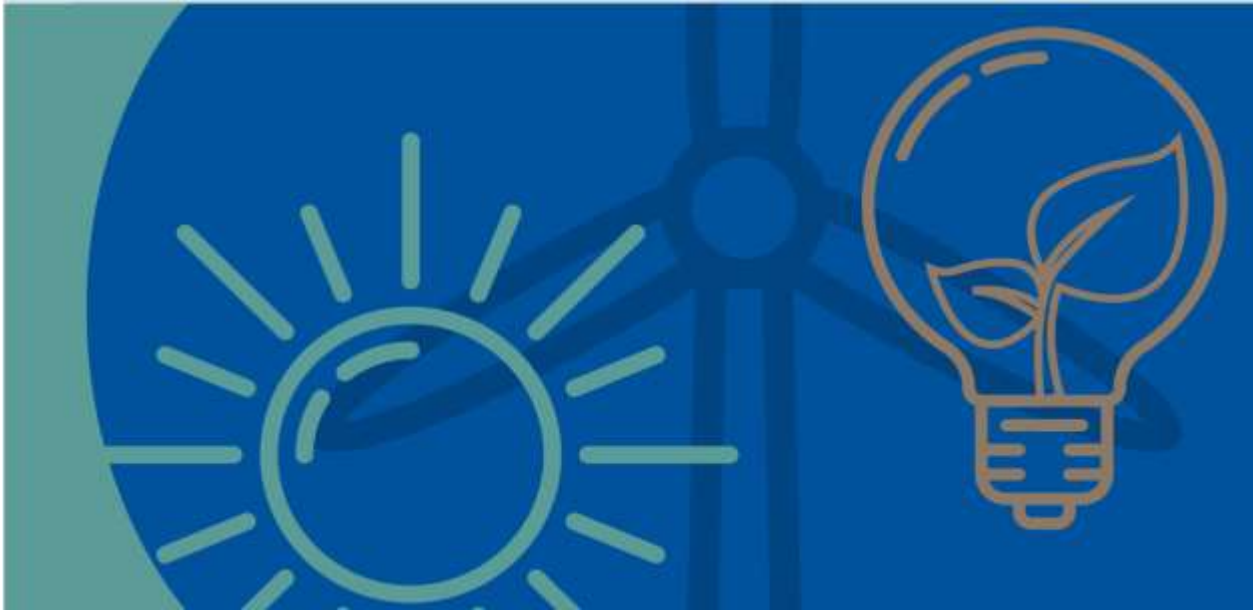
# Financial results for 2021 expected to be worse, before long-term improvements materialise

<b>Financial outlook</b>	<b>Actual March 2020</b>		<b>Budget March 2021</b>		<b>Budget March 2023</b>
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EBITDA, R million	36 998	↓	23 522	↑	73 380
Operating profit (EBIT), R million	9 219	↓	(5 322)	↑	40 933
Net (loss)/profit after tax, R million	(20 502)	↑	(26 205)	↑	2 514
EBITDA margin, %	18.55	↓	11.67	↑	27.31
Cash interest cover, ratio	0.94	↓	0.31	↑	2.54
Debt service cover, ratio	0.52	↓	0.11	↑	1.11

Government support of R56 billion required to meet debt servicing requirements for 2021

- Results for 2021 expected to be worse than 2020, primarily due to the anticipated impact of COVID-19 on operations, particularly on sales
- Cash from operations remain insufficient to service debt without Government support
- Government support of R56 billion committed for 2021 to manage liquidity
- Most ratios maintain negative trend into 2021, however, return to profitability from 2023
- Corporate Plan assumes a cost-reflective tariff path

# Conclusion



- On average, Eskom requires Government support of about R1 billion per week in 2021. We regret the burden that this places on the fiscus, particularly in the current economic climate
- Financial modelling shows that with a significantly reduced debt balance of R200 billion, a cash balance of R30 billion and an EBITDA margin of at least 35%, Eskom would be in a position to achieve independent financial sustainability
- An improvement in operational performance will positively affect financial results
- Cumulative cost savings of R62 billion targeted by 2023 alone is not sufficient to improve Eskom's financial position
- Government equity support is improving liquidity by assisting with debt servicing, but will not resolve Eskom's financial viability and is an unsustainable solution
- The migration towards a cost-reflective tariff is necessary to cover our cost of capital and, combined with cost efficiencies and reducing debt levels, will restore financial sustainability

