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AAGR	Average Annual Growth Rate
ABOM	Agreement Between Operating Members
ACI	Actual Cost Index
A&F	Assurance and Forensic
AFS	Audited Financial Statements
Al	Abrasiveness Index
AM	Asset Management
Арр	Application
AR	Allowable Revenue
AS	Ancillary Services
AS-SO	Ancillary Services Standard Offer
ASSOPP	Ancillary Services Standard Offer Pilot Programme
ATKSS	Ankerlig Transmission Koeberg Second Supply Project
AUC	Asset Under Construction
Aux	Auxiliary
ВА	Basic Assessment
BBBEE	Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment
BCM	Business Continuity Management
BEE	Black Economic Empowerment
BESF	Battery Energy Storage Facility
BESS	Battery Energy Storage System
ВІ	Business Intelligence
BOOT	Build Own Operate and Transfer
BW	Bid window
c/kvarh	Cents per reactive kilovolt-ampere-hour
CAGR	Compounded Annual Growth Rate
Capex	Capital Expenditure
CAP COST	Capital Cost
CCI	Coal Cost Index
CC&B	Customer Care and Billing
CCGT	Combined Cycle Gas Turbines
CCTV	Closed-circuit Television
CEES	Cause, Effect, Entitlement, and Substantiation
CFB	Circulating Fluidised Bed
CFL	Compact Fluorescent Lamp

CFO	Cash Flow from Operations
CFR	Corporate Family Rating
CLM	Customer Load Management
CGAS	Constrained Generation Ancillary Service
CGE	Computable General Equilibrium
CLN	Customer Load Network
СМ	Corrective Maintenance
CMF	Catchment Management Fee
CMMS	Computerized Maintenance Management System
CNC	Customer Network Centre
СО	Commercial Operation
CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
CO _{2eq}	Carbon Dioxide Equivalents
COC	Cost of Cover
CoLS	Cost of Load Shedding
CorrISA	Corrosion Institute of Southern Africa
COUE	Cost of Unserved Energy
COVID-19	Corona Virus Disease - 2019
СРА	Contract Price Adjustments
СРІ	Consumer Price Index
СРРМ	Capital Project Portfolio Management
CRIEPE	Central Research Institute for the Electric Power Industry in Japan
CSA	Coal Supply Agreement
CSI	Corporate Social Investment
CSIR	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
CSP	Concentrated Solar Power
СТ	Current Transformer
CUC	Capital Unit Charge
CV	Calorific value
CVT	Capacitor Voltage Transformer
D	Depreciation
DAB	Dispute Adjudication Board
DAM	Day-ahead Market
DDP	Due Date Performance
DER	Distribution Energy Resources
DET	Distribution Energy Trader
DFFE	Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment
DFI	Development Financial Institution

DG	Distributed Generation
DLF	Distribution Loss Factor
DLSI	Distribution Supply Loss Index
DMP	Demand Market Participation
DMRE	Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
DMS	Distribution Management System
DPE	Department of Public Enterprises
DPP-TC	Deliver Projects Processes Technical Committee
DR	Demand Response/Reduction
DRC	Depreciated Replacement Cost
DSM	Demand-Side Management
DSO	Distribution System Operations
DTC	Design to Cost
DUOS	Distribution use-of-system
DWS	Department of Water and Sanitation
Dx	Distribution
E	Expenses
EA	Environmental Authorisation
EAF	Energy Availability Factor
EAL	Eskom Academy of Learning
EBITDA	Earnings Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation
ECA	Export Credit Agency
ECM	Enterprise Content Management
ECS	Energy Conservation Scheme
EDI	Electricity Distribution Industry
EE	Energy Efficiency
EEDSM	Energy Efficiency and Demand-side Management
EHV	Extra High Voltage
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIMP	Environmental Impact Management Plan
EIMS	Eskom Insurance Management Services
EIPMO	Eskom Intellectual Property Management Office
EIUG	Energy Intensive User Group
EL1	Emergency Level 1
ELINI	European Liability Insurance for the Nuclear Industry
EMANI	European Mutual Association for Nuclear Insurance
EMS	Energy Management System
EPC	Engineering, Procurement and Construction

EPC	Energy Performance Certification
EPCM	Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management
ЕРМО	Eskom Project Management Office
EPP	Electricity Pricing Policy
EPRI	Electricity Power Research Institute
ERA	Electricity Regulation Act
ERAP	Emergency Response Action Plan
ERE	Eskom Real Estate
ERI	Eskom Rotek Industries
ERIC	Eskom Research and Innovation Center
ERTSA	Eskom Retail Tariff Structural Adjustment
ESA	Electricity Storage Association
ESO	Energy Sent Out
ESR	Electrification and Rural Subsidy
ESCO	Energy Services Company
ESG	Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance
ESI	Electricity Supply Industry
ESP	Electrostatic Precipitators
EU	European Union
EUF	Energy Utilisation Factor
EUTC	European Utility Telecommunication Committee
EWSETA	Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority
Exco	Executive Management Committee
FA	Fuel Assembles
FAN	Field Area Network
FAR	Fixed Asset Register
FAT	Factory Acceptance Test
FBE	Free Basic Electricity
FCA	Free Carrier Agreement
FFF	Fossil Fuel Foundation
FFP	Fabric Filter Plant
FGD	Flue Gas Desulphurisation
FIDIC	Fédération Internationale Des Ingénieurs – Conseils
FMS	Fleet Management Services
FOB/FOT	Free on board/free on truck
FOSS	Free and Open Source Software
FP	Fixed Price
FPM	Forward Physical Market

FY	Financial Year
GCAC	Grid Code Advisory Committee
GCD	Group Capital Division
GCEO	Group Chief Executive Officer
GCS	Grid Code Secretariat (Transmission)
GCS	Group Customer Services (Distribution)
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GFC	Group Financial Controller
GG	Government Gazette
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
GIS	Geographic Information System
GJ	Gigajoule (1 billion joules)
GLF	Gross Load Factor
GO	General Overhaul
GCIC	Generation Capital Investment Committee
GPSS	General Purpose Simulation System
GSFA	Government Support Framework Agreement
GSP	Government Support Package
GVA	Gross Value Added
GW	Gigawatt (1 billion watts)
GWh	Gigawatt-hour (1 000MWh)
Gx	Generation Division
НСВ	Hydro Cohara Bassa
HPUM	High Performance Utility Model
HR	Human Resources
HRM	Human Resource Management
HV	High Voltage
HVAC	High-voltage alternating current or heating, ventilation and air-conditioning
	(depending on context)
HVDC	High-voltage Direct Current
IBT	Inclining Block Tariff
ICASA	Independent Communications Authority of South Africa
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IDC	Interest During Construction
IDM	Integrated Demand Management
IDM	Intra-Day Market
IDR	Issuer Default Rating
IEA	International Energy Agency

IFO	later action of Floring technical Commission
IEC	International Electro-technical Commission
IEP	Integrated Energy Plan
IERE	International Energy Research Exchange
IESO	Independent Electricity System Operator
IFC	Investment Finance Committee
IFRS	International Financial Reporting Standards
IGMOU	Inter-Governmental Memorandum of Understanding
ILS	Interruptible Load Shedding
IM	Information management
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IN	Boiler Inspection
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IPP	Independent Power Producer
IPS	Interconnected Power System
IR	Interim Repair
IR	Instantaneous Reserves
IRFRA	Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act
IRP	Integrated Resource Plan
ISEP	Integrated Strategic Electricity Plan
IT	Information Technology
ITP	Independent Transmission Project
ITOMS	International Transmission Operations and Maintenance Study
IUMOU	Intra-Utility Memorandum of Understanding
IWBS	Integrated Work Breakdown Structure
JET	Just Energy Transition
JMPD	Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department
JV	Joint Venture
KIC	Key Industrial Customers
KLO	Keep the Lights On
KM	Kilometres
KOD	Knowledge Optimisation and delivery/knowledge on Demand
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
KRN	Key Revision Number
KSACS	Key Sales and Customer Services
kt	Kilotons (1 000 tons)
kV	Kilovolt
kW	Kilowatt (1000 watts)
kWh	Kilowatt-hour

KWS	Komati Water Scheme
KWSAP	Komati Water Scheme Argumentation Project
LCM	Life Cycle Model/Management
LCMP	Life-Cycle Management Plan
LDO	Long Duration Outage
LED	Light-emitting Diode
LF	Load Factor
LHWP	Lesotho Highlands Water Project
LMC	Limited Multi Contract
LOM	Life of Mine
LOPP	Life of Plant Plan
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
LPU	Large Power Users
LRMC	Long Run Marginal Cost
LSM	Living Standards Measure
L&T	Government imposed levies or taxes (not direct income taxes)
LTAM	Long Term Asset Management
LTIR	Lost-time Incident Rate
LTO	Long-term Outages
I/USO	Litres per units sent out
MC	Marginal Cost
MCWAP	Mokolo Crocodile West Augmentation Project
MDMS	Meter Data Management System
MdRC	Multi-disciplinary Revenue Committee
MEA	Modern Equivalent Asset
MEAV	Modern Equivalent Asset Value
MES	Minimum Emission Standards
MFMA	Municipal Finance Management Act
Min-Gen	Minimum Generation
MIRTA	Minimum Information Required for Tariff Application (Guideline)
MKI	Medupi, Kusile & Ingula
MI/ML	Megalitre/1 million litres
MM	Minor Maintenance
Mm ³	Cubic meters
MMS	Middelburg Mine Services
МО	Mini-General Overhaul
MPRDA	Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act
mSv	Millisievert

Mt	Million tons
MT	Medium Term
МТО	Medium Term Outlook
Mtpa	Million tons per annum
MTPPP	Medium-term Power Purchase Programme
MTS	Main Transmission Substation
Munics	Municipalities
M&V	Measurement and Verification
MVA	Megavolt Ampere
MW	Megawatt (1 million watts)
MWh	Megawatt-hour (1 000kWh or 1 million watt-hours)
MWP	Megawatt Park
MYPD	Multi-Year Price Determination
NBV	Net Book Value
NDM	Network Demand Management
NEA	National Environmental Act
NEC	National Engineering Contract
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act
NEMWA	National Environmental Management Waste Act
NER	National Energy Regulator
NERSA	National Energy Regulator of South Africa
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
NIRP	National Integrated Resource Plan
NOx	Nitrogen Oxide
NPA	Negotiated Pricing Agreement
NPA	National Prosecuting Authority
NPV	Net Present Value
NRS	National Regulatory Standards
NSR	National Scale Rating
NTC	National Transmission Company
NWPS	National Water Pricing Strategy
O/C	Opencast
OCGT	Open-cycle Gas Turbine
OCLF	Other Capability Loss Factor
ocs	Office of the Company Secretary
ODC	Owners Development Cost
OEM	Original Equipment Manufacturer
OHSAS	Occupational Health and Safety Standards

O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OPEX	Operating Expenditure
ОТ	Operating/Operational Technology
OU	Operating Unit
ovs	Online Vending System
PA	Partnership Agreement
PAJA	Promotion of Administrative Justice Act
PCLF	Planned capability loss factor
PDD	Project Development and Design
PDR	Probability of Default Rating
PE	Primary Energy
PED	Primary Energy Division
PEIC	Production Engineering Integration Coal
PFMA	Public Finance Management Act
PIRM	Project Integrated Resource Management
PLCM	Project Life Cycle Model
PLCP	Project life cycle process
PMO	Project Management Office
POD	Points of Delivery
POPS	Public Order Policing
PPA	Power-Purchase Agreement
PPI	Producer Price Index
PPPFA	Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act
PQI	Power Quality Index
Proj	Projection
P&SCM	Procurement and Supply Chain Management
PSIM	Physical Security Information Management
PSP	Private Strategic Partnerships
PSS	Project Support Services
PTM&C	Protection, Telecommunications, Metering & Control
PTT	Political Task Team
PUC	Public Utility Commission
PV	Photo Voltaic
QOS	Quality of Supply
RAB	Regulatory Asset Base
RADAR	Research Direction Report
RAV	Replacement Asset Value
RB3	Generation quality for coal

RBCT	Richards Bay Coal Terminal
RBM	Richards Bay Minerals
RCA	Regulatory Clearing Account
RCN	Replacement Cost New
RE	Renewable Energy
REIPP	Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer
RETEC	Renewable Energy Technical Evaluation Committee
R&D	Research and Development
R&E	Revenue and Expenses
RFD	Reasons For Decisions
RFI	Request for Information
RFP	Request for Proposal
RLM	Residential Load Management
RMB	Rand Merchant Bank
RMIPPP	Risk Mitigation Independent Power Producer Programme
R/MWh	Rand per Megawatt Hour
RMR	Residential Mass Roll-out
ROA	Return on Assets
ROI	Return on Investment
ROM	Run of Mine
ROR	Rate of Return methodology
RPP	Renewable Power Plant
RR	Regulating Reserves
RSA	Republic of South Africa
R/t	Rand per ton
RT&D	Research, Testing and Development
RTC	Research Technical Committees
RTP	Retail Tariff Plan
RTS	Return to Service
RTU	Remote Terminal Unit
STERF	Short-term Energy Review Forum
R&S	Risk and Sustainability
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SAE	Southern African Energy
SAGC	South African Grid Code
SAIDI	System Average Interruption Duration Index
SAIFI	System Average Interruption Frequency Index
SAIRI	System Average Interruption Restoration Index

SALGA	South African Local Government Association
SALTO	Safety Assessments for Long-term Outage
SAMP	Strategic Asset Management Plan
SANEDI	South African National Energy Development Institute
SAPP	Southern African Power Pool
SAPS	South African Police Service
SARS	South African Revenue Services
SBO	Single Buyer Office
SCA	Supreme Court of Appeal
SCADA	Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition
sco	Synchronous Condenser Operation
SCOA	Select Committee on Appropriations
SD&L	Supplier Development and Localisation
SDL&I	Supplier Development, Localisation and Innovation
SDR	Scheduling and Dispatch Rules
SEMA	Strategic Environmental Management Act
SETA	Sector Education and Training Sector
SGC	Supplier Grouping Code
SHEQ	Safety, Health, Environmental and Quality
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification
S-IG	Sub-Investment Grade
SIRP	Strategic Integrated Resource Plan
SIU	Special Investigations Unit
SLA	Service Level Agreement
SM	System Minutes
SMS	Sandton Midrand Soweto
SMT	Short and Medium Term
so	System Operator
SOC	State Owned Company
SOE	State Owned Entity
SPA	Special Pricing Agreement
SPU	Small Power Users
SPV	Special Purpose Vehicle
S&P	Standard and Poor's
SQI	Service Quality Incentive
SSEG	Small-scale Embedded Generation
ST	Short Term
STA	Source Testing Association

StatsSA	Statistics South Africa
STPPP	Short Term Power Producer Programme
STS	Standard Transfer Specification
SWEO	Small World Enterprise Office
TCO	Total-cost-of-ownership
TCTA	Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority
TDP	Transmission Development Plan
TechPlan	Technical Plan
TID	Token Identifier
TIPPS	Transmission Integrated Plant Performance System
TNSP	Transmission Network Service Provider
ToU	Time-of-Use
TS	Transmission System
TSP	Transmission System Planner
TRP	Transmission Renewal Plan
TUOS	Transmission use-of-system
TWh	Terawatt Hour
TWI	The Welding Institute
Тх	Transmission
UAP	Universal Access Programme
UCG	Underground Coal Gasification
UCLF	Unplanned Capability Loss Factor
UG	Underground
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UPGEM	University of Pretoria General Equilibrium Model
UoS	Use-of-system
URS	User Requirement Framework
US	United States
USD	United States Dollar
VAT	Value Added Tax
VGB	VGB PowerTech
VPS	Virtual Power Station
VRESS	Vaal River Eastern Sub-System
VRESAP	Vaal River Eastern Sub-system Augmentation Project
VRT	Vaal River Tariff
VT	Voltage Transformer
W	Watt
WACC	Weighted Average Cost of Capital

WAN	Wide Area Network
WBS	Work Breakdown Structure
WC	Working Capital
WDC	Waste Discharge Charge
WISP	Wholesale Integrated Selling Price
WML	Waste Management License
WRC	Water Research Commission
WRCL	Water Research Commission Levy
WUC	Work Under Construction
Y-o-Y	Year on year
YES	Youth Employment Services
ZAR	South African Rand

Glossary

Α

Abrasive Index, refers to the composition of the coal, which impacts the extent to which the coal will cause abrasion and wear to the power plant mechanical components (e.g. mills) and materials handling plants. Good quality coal has a low AI.

Arrear debt as percentage of revenue, Total arrear debt/Total revenue multiplied by 100.

Ash content, a measure of the quantity of ash and other non-combustible material in the coal. Good quality coal has a low ash content.

Actual Cost Index, an index used in some of Eskom's coal supply contracts to escalate the price each year. The exact definition of the CCI differs slightly between contracts, but generally measures the average actual cost increases experienced by Eskom in all its coal supplies.

В

Base-load plant, Power stations that are designed to operate continuously (usually coal-fired and nuclear stations).

C

Calorific value, a measure of coal's heat value, expressed in MJ/kg.

Coal imports, a term used within Eskom to denote coal supplied to a power station from a mine other than the stations tied colliery.

Combined cycle, Technology for producing electricity from otherwise lost waste heat as it exits from one or more gas (combustion) turbines.

Cost Plus coal contract, a historically used form of contract whereby Eskom pays the coal miner the actual costs of production plus a fee that provides the miner with a return on its invested capital and a management fee.

D

Daily peak, maximum amount of energy demanded in one day by consumers.

Decommission, to remove a facility (for instance, a reactor) from service and store it safely.

Dedicated mine, a mine established to supply only one customer (for example, Eskom).

Debt: equity including long-term provisions, Net financial assets and liabilities plus noncurrent retirement benefit obligations and non-current provisions divided by total equity.

Debt service cover ratio, Cash generated from operations/(Net interest paid plus debt repaid excluding repayments on commercial paper).

De facto, Existing or holding a specified position in fact but not necessarily by legal right

Demand-side management, Activities to encourage consumers to use electricity more efficiently, regarding both when they use it and how much they use.

Ε

Electricity revenue per kWh, Electricity revenue including environmental levy/kWh sales total.

Electricity operating costs per kWh, Electricity related costs: Primary energy costs, net transfer pricing, employee benefit cost, depreciation and amortisation plus impairment loss and other operating expenses) / external sales in kWh.

Embedded derivative, financial instrument that causes cash flows that would otherwise be required by a contract to be modified according to a specified variable such as currency.

Energy availability factor, Measure of a power station's availability, taking into account energy losses not under the control of plant management and internal non-engineering constraints.

Energy efficiency, Refers to measures to reduce energy without affecting the service provided/output by, for instance, installing more energy-efficient technologies.

F

Fixed base/indexed contracts, a commonly used form of coal contract in which the base price is fixed, but is escalated each year by means of an agreed index. Primarily used by Eskom for buying coal from multiproduct mines.

Flashover, Electrical insulation breakdown.

Forced outage, an unanticipated emergency shutdown or breakdown of a generating unit, transmission line or other electrical facility.

Free basic electricity, Electricity deemed sufficient to provide basic electricity services to a poor household (currently set at 50kWh/month).

Free on board/truck/rail, the free on board price is the price paid for exported coal at the point before it is loaded onto a ship at the port of export. It excludes shipping and insurance costs required to transport the coal to the importing country. Free on truck and free on rail prices are similar terms, being the price of coal before it is uploaded at the source. With specific reference to coal purchased by Eskom, FOT refers to the point at which risk is transferred to Eskom. This is usually the point after the supplier's weighbridge. This FOT price excludes the cost of transporting the coal to an Eskom site.

Funds from operations, Cash generated from operations adjusted for working capital (excluding provisions) and net interest paid / received and non-current assets held for risk management.

Funds from operations as a percentage of gross debt, Funds from operations / gross debt multiplied by 100.

G

Gross debt, Debt securities issued, borrowings, finance lease liabilities and financial trading liabilities plus the after tax effect of retirement benefit obligations and provisions for power station-related environmental restoration and mine-related closures.

Gross debt/EBITDA, Gross debt/earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation.

I

International financial reporting standards, Global accounting standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board that require transparent and comparable information.

Independent power producer, any entity other than Eskom that owns or operates, in whole or in part, one or more independent power production facilities.

Interest cover, Operating profit before net finance cost / (net finance cost but before unwinding of discount on provisions, change in discount rate and borrowing cost capitalised).

Interruptible load, Load that can be interrupted in the event of capacity or energy deficiencies.

Interruptible power, a power supply that can be curtailed by the supplier, usually in agreement between Eskom and the customer.

J

Junior miner, a generic term for a small-scale miner. Junior miners are often focused on exploration and early-stage development of mineral resources, but are mostly focused on mining of small deposits of reserves.

K

Kilowatt-hour, Basic unit of electric energy equal to one kilowatt of power supplied to, or taken from, an electric circuit steadily for one hour. One kilowatt hour is 1 000 watt-hours.

L

Life of mine, the design period over which a mine will extract coal.

Load, Amount of electric power delivered or required at any specific point on a system.

Load management, Activities to influence the level and shape of demand for electricity so that demand conforms to Eskom's supply capabilities, long-term objectives and constraints.

Load profile, Customer's electricity use over time, sometimes shown as a graph.

Load shifting, Transfer of loads from peak to off-peak periods.

Load-shedding, Scheduled rotation of available electricity capacity between customers to avoid blackouts when demand is greater than supply.

Long Term Fixed price contracts, a commonly used form of coal contract in which the base price is fixed, but is escalated each year by means of an agreed index. Primarily used by Eskom for buying coal from multi-product mines.

Lost-time incident rate, Proportional representation of injuries that cause lost working time over a 12-month period.

M

Maximum demand, highest demand of load within a specified period.

Mid-merit power generation, Installations that generate electricity when electricity demand is higher than average.

Mining Charter, An agreement reached between the state and mining companies that covers various business and technical principles under which coal and other mineral are mined.

Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA), the Act that governs the ownership and mining of minerals in South Africa.

Multi-product mine, a mine that produces more than one coal product. In many instances multi-product mines beneficiate the coal to meet export quality requirements and supply the local market and Eskom with a by-product (middling's) from the coal beneficiation process.

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Outage, Period during which a generating unit, transmission line or other facility is out of service.

Off-peak, Period of relatively low system demand

Opencast mining, a mining method whereby the coal seam is accessed from the surface by means of large pit. Also known as Open Pit mining.

Ρ

Peak demand, Maximum power used in a given period, traditionally between 7am–10am and 6pm–9pm.

Peaking capacity, Generating equipment normally operated only during hours of highest daily, weekly or seasonal loads.

Peak-load plant, Power stations that are only used during peak-load periods. Eskom uses its gas turbines and current pumped-storage scheme as peak-load plants.

Power pool, two or more interconnected electricity supply systems that agree to coordinate operations and seek improved reliability and efficiencies.

Primary energy, Natural resources used in the production of electrical energy (for instance coal, liquid fuel, sunlight, wind, uranium).

Producer price index, an index published by Statistics South Africa that measures the year-on-year price inflation of producer goods and services in South Africa.

Pumped-storage scheme, a water-based electricity-generation system where a lower and an upper reservoir are linked by a power station/pumping plant. During off-peak periods the pump uses electricity to transport water from the lower to the upper reservoir. During peak demand, water runs back into the lower reservoir through turbines, generating electricity.

R

Reserve margin, the difference between an electricity system's net generating capability and its maximum load requirements (during peak load or peak demand).

Return on average equity, Profit/loss for the year after tax / average total equity.

Return on average total assets, Profit/loss for the year after tax / average total assets.

Run of mine, Refers to coal that has been mined and transported to the surface, but has not been beneficiated.

S

Short/medium term coal, a term used within Eskom to denote coal supplied to a power station from a mine other than the stations tied colliery.

Spent fuel, Irradiated nuclear fuel that has permanently been removed from a nuclear reactor. Spent fuel is stored on site in spent-fuel pools or storage casks.

Stripping ratio, a measure of the amount of earth (m³) that must be moved to extract each ton of coal. Deep coal and thin seam coal will have higher stripping ratios than shallow coal and thick seam coal.

Sulphur, an undesirable impurity found in some coals. When burned, the sulphur forms the pollutant sulphur dioxide, which in turn can form the highly corrosive sulphuric acid.

Т

Technical losses, naturally occurring losses that depend on the power systems used.

U

Underground coal gasification, a technique to extract energy from coal in gaseous form without physically mining the coal. Eskom and Sasol are piloting this technology in South Africa. If successful, underground coal gasification could be used to access coal reserves that are too deep or too faulted to be economically mined using other methods.

Underground mining, a mining method used to access coal seams that are too deep for opencast mining. It involves sinking vertical and incline shafts down to the coal seam for ventilation and the movement of people, machinery and coal. Mined coal is transported to the surface by means of an incline shaft conveyor. Underground mines are usually more expensive to operate.

Unplanned automatic grid separations, a measure of the reliability of the service provided to the electrical grid that logs the number of supply interruptions per operating period.

Unit capability factor, a measure of a power station's availability indicating how well plant is operated and maintained.

Unplanned capability loss factor, all occasions when a power station unit has to be shut down and taken out of service. Energy losses due to outages are considered unplanned if they are not scheduled at least four weeks in advance.

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Value created per employee, Value created divided by number of employees.

W

Working capital ratio, (Total current assets less financial instruments with group companies less investments in securities less embedded derivative assets less derivatives held for risk management less financial trading assets less cash and cash equivalents) / (Total current liabilities less financial instruments with group companies less debt securities issued less borrowings less embedded derivative liabilities less derivatives held for risk management less financial trading liabilities).