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BRIEFING NOTE ON KOEBERG UNIT 2 LONG-TERM OPERATION: LICENSING UPDATE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

1. Eskom applied to operate the KNPS beyond the timeframe established in NIL-01, Variation 19, submitted with letter K-27660-E on 10th of May 2021. This is the original application and remains on the Eskom website (<https://www.eskom.co.za/koeberg-long-term-operation/>) as *“Application to operate the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station (KNPS) beyond the timeframe established in the nuclear installation licence No. NIL-01 (Variation 19)”*.
2. Subsequent to (1), Eskom submitted a Licence Change Request (LCR) 1979 for Amendment to NIL-01, Variation 19, submitted with letter K-27921-E on 23 September 2021 to delink the life span (validity dates) of each unit. The NNR responded in letter k29619N on 26th January 2024 by amending the NIL- 01 to Variation 20. NIL-01 (Variation 20) contained different validity dates for Unit 1 and Unit 2. The Licence expiry date for Unit 1 was 21 July 2024, and for Unit 2, 9 November 2025.
3. On 19 July 2024, in letter k27660.4N, after reviewing the application and relevant supporting documents, the NNR responded to the original application (1). In this response, the NNR varied NIL-01 to (Variation 21), authorising Eskom to operate the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station Unit 1 by another 20 years until 21 July 2044.
4. In letter k27660.4N, it was stated that the NNR Board resolved to defer the decision on Unit 2 to before November 2025. The NNR review of issues of importance related to Unit 2 was ongoing and would be communicated as part of the normal licensing process for LTO.
5. The NNR has resolved to conduct further (additional) public hearings to engage the public on (4). Eskom has been in continued communication with the NNR to address the ongoing issues on Unit 2. To facilitate these public hearings, Eskom has been instructed by the NNR to make the relevant information stemming from (4) available to the public.