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

Eskom's licensing process for Koeberg Nuclear Power Station (KNPS) has progressed through key regulatory stages, culminating in the 20-year extension of Unit 1's operation, while Unit 2's long-term authorisation remains under review. Below is a detailed breakdown of the process:

1. Initial Application for Extended Operation (2021)

- Eskom submitted an application to continue operating KNPS beyond the original licence expiry date under **NIL-01, Variation 19** submitted via letter K-27660-E (10 May 2021).
- The application is publicly available on the [Eskom website](#).

2. Licence Amendment Request (2021) – Separating Unit Expiry Dates

- Eskom submitted a Licence Change Request (LCR) 1979 (23 September 2021) to decouple the operating timelines for Unit 1 and Unit 2.
- The National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) approved the amendment in January 2024, updating the licence to **NIL-01, Variation 20**.
 - **Unit 1:** Approved to operate until 21 July 2024
 - **Unit 2:** Approved to operate until 9 November 2025

3. Unit 1 Licence Approval (July 2024)

After reviewing the original application and supporting documents, the NNR granted Eskom permission to continue operating Unit 1 for an additional 20 years, until 21 July 2044. This update was communicated in letter k27660.4N and reflected in Variation 21 of the licence.

4. Deferred Decision on Unit 2

- The NNR Board resolved to postpone the decision on Unit 2's long-term operation (LTO).
- Further review remains ongoing and final determination will be made before November 2025.

5. Public Engagement on Unit 2

- The NNR will conduct further public hearings to engage stakeholders on Unit 2's licensing process.
- To support this, Eskom has been instructed to make the relevant information on Unit 2 available to the public.
- Eskom continues to engage with the NNR to address outstanding matters.

The NNR will continue to engage with Eskom and the public to ensure a transparent and rigorous decision-making process for Unit 2's long-term operation, in line with national safety standards and stakeholder interests.