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MEDIA STATEMENT: PROTECTING ELECTRICITY SUPPLY THROUGH RESPONSIBLE PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Mayor of Dipaleseng Local Municipality calls on residents, businesses and stakeholders within our municipality to prioritise the payment of municipal accounts, particularly electricity, in order to protect the stability of electricity supply in our communities.

Recent developments and national reports indicate that municipal arear debt owed to Eskom continues to rise sharply across the country. Eskom has warned that municipalities failing to honour their obligations may face credit control measures permitted or limitation of electricity supply.

These developments serve as a stark reminder that the sustainability of electricity supply at local level is directly linked to the payment culture within our communities.

As the leadership of Dipaleseng Local Municipality, we want to emphasize that revenue collected from consumers is what enables the municipality to pay Eskom for bulk electricity purchases. When accounts are not paid, the municipality is placed under severe financial strain, and the risk of electricity supply disruptions increases for the entire community.

Electricity is not only essential for households, but it also critical for local economy activity, schools, clinics and other essential public services. The responsibility to safeguard this vital service therefore rests with all of us. We therefore call upon all residents and businesses to:

- Pay their municipal accounts in full and on time.
- Make arrangements with the municipality where accounts are in arrears.
- Support efforts to strengthen financial stability and service delivery within the municipality.

At the same time, the municipality acknowledges that some households are genuinely facing financial hardship. Such households are encouraged to come forward and register on the municipal Indigent Register, which provides access to relief measures for qualifying residents in line with the municipality's approved policies.

No households that genuinely qualify for assistance should remain outside these support programmes.

As the political leadership of Dipaleseng Local Municipality, we remain fully committed to ensuring financial discipline, responsible governance and the protection of essential services for all communities within our jurisdiction.

However, this responsibility cannot rest on the municipality alone. A culture of payment for services is essential if we are to protect the long-term sustainability of electricity supply and municipal services.

Let us work together to safeguard the future of our municipality and ensure that Dipaleseng remains a functional, reliable and service-oriented municipality.

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