



## **Media Statement**

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### **MUNICIPALITY TACKLES OUTAGE AS LIGHTNING STRIKES MOGALE CITY ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION**

Mogale City Local Municipality and power utility, Eskom, are working together to restore electricity in the Mogale City CBD after lightning struck one of the city's three substations.

As most robots are not functioning, traffic officers have been despatched to man the busiest of our roads to alleviate resultant traffic congestion.

"As, as a precautionary measure, the municipality will embark on a load-shedding programme that will see us prioritize electricity supply to the CDB and industrial areas during the day and households from evenings. We will assess the impact as we fix the substation and work towards restoration of electricity in all affected areas," says Mr Frikkie Erasmus, Manager: Electricity Services in Mogale City.

The lack of electricity will certainly affect water supply to CBD and surrounds because reservoirs will perform to the optimum level when there is adequate electricity. Water will be tankered in the usual manner to all affected areas.

"Our entire management team in the infrastructure services department is focused on making sure that this disruption and inconvenience to our residents does not last long," said the Executive Manager: Infrastructure, Mr Dennis Mokotedi.

The Executive Mayor has raised his concerns about the latest development, which briskly come after the recent disruptions of the water infrastructure network last week.

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“The inconvenience to residents is unimaginable. We must and will do everything in our power to restore supply of these important services to our communities. We have and shall continue to pride ourselves in having very a reliable infrastructure network that can cater for the thousands of our communities. We must apologise unreservedly to all our communities for the inconvenience,” said the **Executive Mayor, Cllr Koketso Seerane**.

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