

## GOVERNMENT NEWS

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### GOVERNMENT IS WORKING TO END LOAD SHEDDING

- Eskom operational challenges remain an issue and concern for the country. Government fully understands the frustrations of citizens due to the high stages of loadshedding.
- As part of the efforts to end load shedding, the DPE Minister has been meeting with the Board and management of Eskom to implement immediate solutions to ensure the current generation fleet provides reliable electricity.
- Some of the interventions include; the approval for the emergency procurement of 1000 MW from Independent Power Producers and Industrial co-generators.
- Eskom has been given a go-ahead to procure over 200 MW from the Southern African Power Pool, as part of government's immediate solutions to the energy shortfall.
- Eskom has recruited former experienced employees and energy experts to assist and are now hard at work at different power stations to mentor Eskom employees and assist in the execution of plant operations.
- In the past week, 18 seasoned energy specialists in power plant operations - some with over 20 years of experience - have re-entered the Eskom system to assist with operations.
- Through the work of the National Energy Crisis Committee (NECOM), DMRE has initiated a process to procure additional megawatts from the markets through bid window 5 and 6.

