



The General Manager of TimLanga Cluster (Eskom), Mr Collin Reddy handing over the certificate to the Mayor of Musina Local Municipality, Cllr Godfrey Mawela as a token of appreciation for settling the debt.

MUSINA MUNICIPALITY CLEARS ESKOM DEBT TO ZERO %

Musina Local Municipality has finally settled the long overdue Eskom debt. This announcement was made during a Stakeholder Engagement Session organized by Eskom held at Musina Municipality on Monday, 28 August 2023. While other municipalities across the country are still unable to pay their debt to the Power Utility, the Municipality has settled its historic overdue debt and is now paying the current account.



In 2017, the Eskom debt stood at One Hundred and Fifteen Million (R115 million) and the repayment plan was conceived by then. Speaking during the Session, the Mayor of the Municipality, Cllr. Godfrey Mawela said: "In articles published by the Power Technology, Engineering News, the SABC and the Business Day last week, our Electricity Minister Kgosisentsho Ramokgopa said South African municipalities now owe Eskom more than sixty three billion rand in combined debt, adding that this figure is continuing to rise exponentially – and also warning that the ongoing debt struggles for Eskom could result in even longer power cuts. But despite this gloomy picture, we are happy that as Musina Local Municipality, we managed to achieve what many municipalities are failing to achieve, not only in Limpopo, but country-wide."

Settling this Eskom debt simply means the

municipality is subscribing towards the minimization of power cuts and contributing to community development as millions of Rands that were used to service the debt will now be redirected to other service delivery initiatives. Musina Local Municipality was owing Eskom sixty-six point nine million rand. A year later, it managed to reduce the debt by twenty million rand and the balance stood at forty-six point nine million rand. To date, it has settled the debt to zero and now paying the monthly bills.

Eskom's LimLanga Cluster General Manager, Mr Collin Reddy congratulated the Executive Management of the Municipality for a job well done and being a shining example. "The Municipality's budget will now be redirected to other service delivery initiatives to improve people's lives".