



FURNITURE BARGAINING COUNCIL

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CIRCULAR 06/23

TO ALL EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

SYSTEM DOWNTIME: INCORPORATION OF BATTERY BACK-UP SYSTEM FROM 15:00 ON FRIDAY, 23 JUNE 2023 UNTIL 22:00 ON SUNDAY, 25 JUNE 2023

As you are no doubt aware, all areas and industries in South Africa are extremely impacted by the substantial increase in scheduled loadshedding. It also has a negative influence on business continuity and its smooth operations.

In this regard Council also runs a risk, as all Council systems are fully dependent on the stable and continuous supply of electricity. As a proactive measure, Council resolved to install a proper photovoltaic solar and battery back-up system in addition to its existing system. This will hopefully ensure a stable electricity supply regardless of loadshedding.

However, the above will require the engineers to cut our electricity for at least 48 hours, to give them and the support personnel the opportunity to integrate and implement the change over to the new system. This downtime will also provide for proper testing of various scenarios on the system. To this end, a date and time when all systems at Council will be down have been agreed to, namely **from 15:00 on Friday, 23 June 2023 until 22:00 on Sunday, 25 June 2023.**

The above downtime will unfortunately prevent you from submitting your electronic returns to Council via EPIC during the above period. You are kindly requested to take the necessary steps to submit all your completed returns that are due for submission to this Council, before our scheduled downtime.

We apologise for the inconvenience, but at the same time assure you that the above actions will create a stable environment for the future smooth operation of the Council's system, in order to meet the needs of our stakeholders.

A COPY OF THIS CIRCULAR MUST BE DISPLAYED ON YOUR ESTABLISHMENT'S NOTICE BOARD

13 June 2023