



## POWER ALERT 1

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**Eskom urges the public to reduce usage of electricity as the system is under pressure due to a number of generating unit breakdowns**

**Thursday, 07 October 2021:** While there is currently no loadshedding anticipated, Eskom would like to request the public to reduce the usage of electricity. The power system is under severe pressure due to a number of generating unit breakdowns, which will necessitate an increased utilisation of emergency generation reserves.

Total breakdowns amount to 14 925MW while planned maintenance is 4 759MW of capacity. Should there be any further breakdowns, Eskom might be forced to implement loadshedding at short notice.

While Eskom expects a number of generating units to return to service from breakdowns during the course of the next few days, we urge the public to reduce the usage and to continue using electricity sparingly to assist in avoiding loadshedding.

Eskom will communicate promptly should there be any significant changes to the power system.

Eskom has not implemented loadshedding since 22 July 2021.

**ENDS**