

ERONGO REGIONAL ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTOR COMPANY (Pty) Ltd)

and



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Joint Press Release

REFORM OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY INDUSTRY

This press release serves to inform all our valuable customers in the Erongo RED area of the current status of developments in the electricity supply reform process.

In 1998, the Government of the Republic of Namibia adopted the White Paper on Energy Policy. Further, in 2000 the Electricity Act was promulgated. This Act established the Electricity Control Board (ECB) to regulate electricity related matters such as the licensing of all companies/institutions involved in the generation, transmission, distribution, supply, import/export of Electricity, and the approval of tariffs.

The Ministry of Mines and Energy, which is the custodian of all electricity matters, conducted studies to determine the best way to rearrange the electricity supply industry. After some extensive consultations with the relevant stakeholders it was agreed that the distribution of electricity in Namibia will be done by five (5) Regional Electricity Distributor Companies, which are now known as the REDS. These are: NORED, Erongo RED, CENORED, Central RED and Southern RED. NORED has been operational since 2002 whilst ERONGO RED and CENORED are scheduled to start operations as from 01 July 2005.

In view of the above, it is clear, that NamPower will no longer have distribution and the supply licenses in the Erongo RED area. In accordance with this new arrangement, NamPower is obliged to transfer all its customers and distribution assets to Erongo RED with effect from 01 July 2005.

Officers of Erongo RED and NamPower will conduct joint meetings with all distribution customers as per schedule hereunder to disseminate information and answer all possible

concerns. Much effort has gone into this process to ensure that the transfer is done in a smooth and mutually beneficial manner.

Date & Time	Place	Venue
Monday, 13 June 2005- 09H00	Swakopmund	Aquarium Hall
Tuesday, 14 June 2005 -9H00	Uis	
14H30	Omaruru	Omaruru Ruskamp

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