

ERONGO REGIONAL ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTOR COMPANY (PTY) LTD.

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A. Erongo RED thanks the media and press for attending this press conference as well as the coverage that Erongo RED has received since its establishment. It is really appreciated.

B. **Erongo RED would like to inform the Swakopmund consumers of the following:**

1. **Electricity payment and purchases of Swakopmund customers will be done from the paypoints indicated below as from 21 June 2006:**

- Central = Altstadt Complex at the corner of Libertine Amathila Avenue and Bismarck Street Erf 3694
- Mondesa = Shoprite Complex at the corner of August Nangolo and Independence Streets Erf 520

2. The layout plans will be displayed at the existing and new paypoint venues in Swakopmund.

3. Direct Banking can only be done at the following Erongo RED account:

Bank	First National Bank
Branch	Walvis Bay
Account Name	= Erongo RED Deposit Account
Branch number	28-21-72
Account number	62103311156

4. **Please note**

- When making direct payments into the Erongo RED account it is very important to ensure that firstly you use the account number as reference and secondly you fax your deposit slip to the respective fax numbers indicated in the table below.
- Existing debit orders of Swakopmund customers will be transferred from Swakopmund Municipality to Erongo RED.

5. The contact telephone numbers for Swakopmund are as follows:

Swakopmund	Telephone	Facsimile
- Technical queries and power failures only	413-600	413-601
- Central accounts and customer care queries	413-616/7	46-1887
- Mondesa accounts and customer care queries	413-618/9	46-1198

6. Erongo RED hereby requests all consumers to please continue to pay their accounts in full and on time.

C. **Erongo RED would like to inform the ex-NamPower consumers of the following:**

1. Electricity payment and purchases of ex-NamPower customers will still be done NamPower until 15 July 2006.
2. Thereafter all account queries and payments should be addressed to Erongo RED Offices throughout the Erongo Region.
3. Direct Banking for ex-NamPower customers can continue to be done at the following Erongo RED account:

Bank	Bank Windhoek
Branch	Walvis Bay
Branch number	48-18-72
Account number	8000615611

4. **Please note**

- When making direct payments into the Erongo RED account it is very important to ensure that firstly you use the account number as reference and secondly you fax your deposit slip to the respective fax number indicted below.
- Please fax the payment slips to the Erongo RED Head Office number 064-214-601 addressed to the General Manager: Commercial Services.

D. **Erongo RED would like to inform the Walvis Bay consumers of the following:**

1. Electricity payment and purchases of Walvis Bay will still be done at the Municipality until August 2006.
2. Customers will be informed of the new paypoints in due course.

E. **Electricity saving measures**

1. The power demand in the SADC region and by extension in Namibia is growing at a rapid pace and is thus steadily surpassing the supply capacity. Hence there is still a need to implement power rationing and energy efficiency measures. Running all power stations at full capacity leaves Namibia with a deficit of about 120 MW of peak power, which is normally imported from Eskom. The 120MW of peak power occurs generally daily from 09:00 to 12:00 and from 16:00 to 20:00 Mondays to Fridays. Erongo RED has contacted the large consumers and Local Authorities on load shedding measures to be implemented during the period April to August 2006 in order to avoid total system collapse. These measures were already issued in the newspapers.
2. The list, depicting the electricity consumption of general household implements, can be used by every customer of Erongo RED to see their Amperes and the typical Consumption (kWh) over a 10 hour duty cycle.
3. Customers are hereby requested to see how they can contribute to the reduction of the peak power demand of the region and country by firstly installing energy saving lamps and secondly to reduce the number of household implements that are switch on at the same time.
4. If we all work together we can collectively avoid or minimise power shortages over the next 3 to 5 years while the national utilities like NamPower find new sources of electricity or build new power stations for the country.
5. Here is another opportunity for the establishment of independent power producers (IPPs) to invest into the Erongo Region and Namibia.

F. **Electricity Tariff adjustments**

1. The NamPower increases effective from 1 July 2006 are as follows:

Description	Previous tariffs	Approved tariffs	Increase %
Maximum Demand	72.84 N\$/KVA	74.73 N\$/KVA	2.59
Energy Charges	16.23 cents/kWh	19.15 cents/kWh	17.99
Basic Charges	220 N\$/month	270 N\$/month	22.72

2. With the increase in NamPower transmission tariffs the Erongo RED will need to adjust its tariffs in order to absorb these and other costs. These adjustments are currently being considered taking into account the socio-economic factors in order to limit the effect on customers as much as possible. These adjustments will be communicated to customers as soon as possible.
3. Erongo RED intends to harmonise the electricity tariffs over a number of years as tariffs approach cost reflectivity throughout the region.

G. **General information**

1. The Erongo RED Flyer June 2006 is hereby issued. It gives general information about Erongo RED and its activities.
2. Contact telephone and facsimile numbers that have previously been issued in the printed press have been updated with the latest information as Erongo RED deploys its revenue management and other services throughout the Erongo Region.

Issued by the Office of the Chief Executive Officer: