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MEDIA STATEMENT

PUBLIC CONSULTATION WORKSHOP ON ELECTRICITY DIVISION STRATEGIC PLANNING

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) announced today that it will conduct a virtual public consultation workshop to solicit stakeholder input to the Electricity Division strategic plan. The workshop is scheduled to take place on a virtual platform (MS Teams) from 24 to 26 March 2021.

The aim of the workshop is to engage with external stakeholders to elicit their views on a series of strategic questions that will provide input to the strategic planning programme being rolled out at the Electricity Division. Stakeholders are requested to provide their views on the following questions:

- What are the key changes facing the electricity supply industry (ESI)?
- What does or should the electricity supply industry end-state look like?
What risks can be identified and must be mitigated as the ESI transitions into this ESI end-state?
- What should be fixed in the ESI and how should it be fixed?
- What is working well in the electricity sector and why?
- How does the South African ESI compare with the global and regional electricity supply industries?
- How should NERSA respond to the changes mentioned above?
- On which key functions or objects should NERSA focus?

The main focus of the 2021 Electricity Division strategic planning is a strategic assessment of the ESI and the broader electricity sector, as well as the identification of strategic themes, objectives and priorities that will frame the Electricity Division's response to the challenges facing the electricity sector and in defining the desired end-state.

NERSA has published a discussion paper to guide inputs to the Electricity Division Strategic Planning. The discussion paper is available on the NERSA website at www.nersa.org.za under '[Home](#) > [Notices](#) > Stakeholder Workshops'.

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Stakeholders are encouraged to submit written comments to publichearings@nersa.org.za by close of business on **22 March 2021**. Members of the public and stakeholders, who wish to attend or present their views at the public workshop, must submit their requests to publichearings@nersa.org.za for the attention of Mr Eleazer Dlamini by **15:30 on 22 March 2021**.

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