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## **Eskom Coal Working Group**

In response to the current electricity supply challenges being experienced by the country, the Department of Minerals and Energy, coal producers and Eskom, established a Coal Working Group over the weekend. The Working Group is tasked with, amongst others, formulating proposals to improve the uncomfortably low coal stock levels at some of Eskom's power stations and to also look at logistical synergies which are key to improving stock levels.

The coal producers committed to meet Eskom's immediate needs and improve stockpiles at the affected stations to healthier levels. The coal working group agreed on a clear process with timelines and commitments for each of the role players.

The group will also identify opportunities from which coal supply can be secured in the longer term.

Weekly meetings will be held to monitor progress and ensure that all power stations have the necessary coal stocks in anticipation of the peak demand in winter.

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