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Planned power interruptions on Sunday



Electricity supply will be interrupted in Rocky Drift and White River Areas in order to allow Mbombela to do upgrades, maintenance and protection on their switching station equipment and overhead line structures.

In the Rocky Drift / Nova Board Area:

ON SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2017 FROM 07H00—10H00

In the White River Area:

ON SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2017 FROM 10H00—13H00

In case of rainy weather the date may be postponed until further notice.

All installations must still be regarded as live!

12 Ways Tourism can meet and exceed our National Goals

This interesting column was penned by our own Lisa Sheard, Executive Director of Tourism at KLCBT and published in Tourism Update. This is part of a document that makes a “Case” for Tourism and the 12 points highlighted are:



Tourism can create jobs, and lots of them; Tourism is sustainable and can be very inclusive; Tourism is accessible; Barriers to entry into the tourism sector are relatively low; There is no overconcentration of economic power in the tourism sector; Tourism encourages entrepreneurship and small business; The multiplier effects of tourism can be significant; Tourism encourages ‘pride of place’; Tourism is ‘woman full’; Tourism promotes social cohesion; Tourism brings the world to your doorstep; and Tourism instils a good and honest work ethic—a rewarding sector for hard working people.

(Read more on www.klcbt.co.za—The Home Page)

Also of interest is “2017—Kruger Lowveld’s Year of Tourism” read the article on www.klcbt.co.za—The Home Page under Latest News

Access all tenders and tender information at KLCBT



KLCBT hosts a very informative tender portal on our website. The page includes links to National, Provincial and Local tender information as well as the six latest tender bulletins.

It also contains the Municipal Procurement Guide and the revised Preferential Procurement Regulations as published in 2017.

Companies are invited to publish tenders via the KLCBT. These tenders will be communicated to the members in this newsletter at NO COST and published on the tender portal until the closing date.

This will assist businesses to procure easier and hopefully help them to procure more products / services locally.

(See www.klcbt.co.za—The Home Page under Current Marketing Opportunities, click on Tenders)

New National Minimum Wage



As you may now be aware, all social partners have agreed, and all parties other than COSATU, have now signed the National Minimum Wage (NMW) and Labour Relations Stability Agreement. COSATU has indicated they are not withdrawing from the agreement, but want to take the extra step of consulting their CEC before signing.

One of the key provisions of the Agreement is the introduction of a NMW of R20 per hour, which will come into effect on 1 May 2018. The NMW is introduced with the option of exemptions based on affordability and will be phased in for the first year, with domestic workers at 75% and agricultural workers at 90%. There is specific agreement that exemption processes will be streamlined and efficient, and particularly designed to enable smaller businesses to apply for exemptions without undue process burdens.

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