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Reminder of planned power interruptions today and Sunday



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

ON SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2017 FROM 06H00—23H00

Electricity supply will be interrupted in West Acres and Surrounding Areas

TODAY 9 FEBRUARY 2017 FROM 06H00—22H00

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

Update on the Municipal Workers' strike

The strike action was in fact not by permanent municipal workers, but the cleaners employed on a fixed term contract under the Expanded Public Works Programme. This programme allows for unskilled and semi-skilled workers to be employed for a fixed medium term, and after the end of the contract, new recruits will be employed in the programme.

The cleaners' contract has ended and they demanded from the City to be employed permanently, which of course cannot happen.

They Mayor addressed them yesterday and explained to them that they were informed from day one that this is a fixed term arrangement and they will not be employed permanently.

The City undertook to clean the rubbish in the streets as quickly as possible.

Meanwhile, the KLCBT asked members to keep their rubbish inside to avoid protesters throwing it out in the streets. The situation should be stabilised soon.

Advances in Business Confidence—SACCI

The SACCI BIC registered 97.7 index points in January 2017 compared to 93.8 in December 2016 and 92.6 in January 2016. This not only in severe contrast to the severe year-on-year decline of December 2015 of 10 index point, but it is the second consecutive month of improving on the year earlier.

January 2017 saw the largest positive month-on-month change in the SACCI BIC of 3.9 index points since the month-on-month change of 4.1 index points in February 2015. It was also the biggest positive year-on-year difference of the SACCI Business Confidence Index (BCI) since the 5.3 points of May 2011.

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Inaugural craft competition

A prestigious national craft competition will this year give South African Crafters a wonderful opportunity to showcase their work.

South African artist and curator of the Innibos National Arts Festival, Anthony Boerma says the awards will give South Africa's world-class crafters an opportunity to reveal the excellence of their skills.

Organised by the creative team that conceived and for over 10 years has presented the iconic Innibos National Arts Festival, the craft awards will pull together a diverse range of judges who all have one thing in common—a passion for developing South Africa's creative talent.

Entries, consisting of photo submissions, have opened and will close at the end of March 2017. The panel of judges will then select the best entries to be exhibited at the Innibos National Arts Festival in July 2017.

The winners will be announced at a glittering awards evening. The winner of the Platinum Award will receive R50 000, the Gold Award winner will pocket R30 000 and the Silver R15 000.

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