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KLCBT opposes Eskom's application for a 19,9% rate increase at hearing

During an official hearing conducted by NERSA, KLCBT and 11 other entities presented evidence under oath, to substantiate our objection to the 19,9% increase in Eskom's allowable revenue in 2018.

After sketching the background of the increasing poverty rate of our region, KLCBT presented six points to object to the 19,9% increase. These were:

1. Incorrect calculation of the increase percentage;
2. Over supply of electricity should not be the burden of the consumer;
3. Effects of corruption in Eskom cannot be ignored;
4. Government intervention is required as Eskom is critical to the SA economy;
5. A price hike is in contradiction with Eskom's core strategies;
6. Electricity is a high cost component of business.

The NERSA panel was very impressed with the arguments and requested additional explanations about the calculations in particular.

(Read the full presentation on www.klcbt.co.za—the Home Page)



Give your opinion on the first Mpumalanga Show



The Mpumalanga Show made their debut to the Lowveld calendar during the first week of September 2017, attracting over 18 000 visitors. This is a remarkable achievement for the first year and the show's management promises the event will go from strength to strength with countless new events and exhibits planned for next year.

In order to improve on this year's event, they require as much input from the public and exhibitors as they can get. Please send us an e-mail with your opinion on the show's performance. They would like to have your feedback on: the time of the year, opening and closing days and times, lay-out of the exhibits, events, food, kiddies entertainment, concerts, and suggestions!

Your feedback will only help to make this one of the greatest events in the Lowveld. This is your chance to help create a show that is tailor-made for the Lowveld audience. Reply to this e-mail with your comments.

It is budget time—plan ahead to participate in KLCBT events in 2018

During the past week, we had numerous requests about future events for budget purposes. Please take note of the following event dates and rates for 2018:

KLCBT Budget Speech Event—22 February 2018 (tentative date)

KLCBT Golf Day—1 June 2018 at Nelspruit Golf Course

KLCBT Annual Awards—19 October 2018 at The Arena @ Emotweni

We will also host a Networking Breakfast and a Networking Cocktail Evening every month, and please book well in advance to sponsor one of these events. Sponsorship cost will be R4 950 (incl. VAT) for a breakfast and R3130 for a Cocktail Event.

Most importantly, please remember **we also facilitate private company events** with a closed guest list. The facilitation fee is the same as the rates above and include the same benefits.

Please contact Zelda at KLCBT to enquire about rates etc.

Operation Festive Season



KLCBT facilitated a meeting between SAPS, Security Companies, Shopping Centres and large business stakeholders to plan together in order to combat crime during the festive season and beyond. It was a really productive meeting and we will share the information in every newsletter until the holiday season starts.

Most importantly, **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN VEHICLES!!**