



## MEDIA

**For Immediate Release**

REF: 9/1/24-18

Gino Moonsamy  
t. (012) 674 7111 m.082 535 5365  
[e.gmoonsamy@nnr.co.za](mailto:e.gmoonsamy@nnr.co.za)  
[www.nnr.co.za](http://www.nnr.co.za)

*Dear Editor*

### **SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON APPLICATION FEES FOR A NUCLEAR INSTALLATION SITE LICENCE APPLICATION**

**- 24 May 2018, Centurion, Pretoria, South Africa**

It has come to our attention that over the past few days members of the media may have exaggerated and misinformed the public concerning the payment of Nuclear Installation Site Licence fees by Eskom to the National Nuclear Regulator.

One area of misinformation reported in the media concerns the statement that “The payment will secure Eskom a nuclear installation site licence (NISL) for Thuyspunt.” This statement is incorrect and the NNR can confirm that payment of application fees by any applicant to the NNR does not automatically secure a nuclear authorisation.

“The NNR carries out work in terms of a licence fee levied on a cost recovery basis for work performed by technical experts in the field of meteorology, oceanography, and geo-hydrology. In this instance, the fees paid by Eskom will be for the review of the safety characteristics of the site to determine safety aspects such as seismic safety, emergency preparedness, potential dose to members of the public living within the vicinity of the site, and the environmental impact from a radiation safety perspective.” explained Mr Orion Phillips, Regulatory Executive Nuclear Power Plants.

The NNR’s internal review of the mentioned application is at an advanced stage and once completed, the NNR will continue with the second stage of its public participation process at an appropriate time.

Should you require more information, please contact me.

# - # - #

Issued by:

Gino **MOONSAMY**

Manager: Communications & Stakeholder Relations

National Nuclear Regulator

Eco Glades 2 Block G, 420 Witch Hazel Avenue, Highveld, Centurion. South Africa | PO Box 7106  
Centurion, 0046

t: +27 (0) 12 674 7111 | f:+27 (0) 86 588 4450 | e:gmoonsamy@nnr.co.za | w:www.nnr.co.za

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Nuclear-Regulator/682634571826520>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/national-nuclear-regulator>

### **About the National Nuclear Regulator**

The National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) is a public entity which is established and governed in terms of Section 3 of the National Nuclear Regulator Act, (Act No 47 of 1999). The fundamental objective of the NNR is to provide for the protection of persons, property and the environment against nuclear damage through the establishment of safety standards and regulatory practices suited for South Africa. To this end, the NNR provides oversight and assurance that activities related to the peaceful use of nuclear energy in South Africa are carried out in a safe manner and in accordance with international principles and best practices.