



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ESKOM'S APPLICATION FOR A TEN-YEAR NEGOTIATED PRICING AGREEMENT FOR THE HILLSIDE ALUMINIUM SMELTER (PTY) LTD IN RICHARDS BAY, UMHLATHUZE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL

The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) is a regulatory authority established as a juristic person in terms of section 3 of the National Energy Regulator Act, 2004 (Act No. 40 of 2004). NERSA's mandate is to regulate the electricity, piped-gas and petroleum pipelines industries in terms of the Electricity Regulation Act, 2006 (Act No. 4 of 2006), Gas Act, 2001 (Act No. 48 of 2001) and Petroleum Pipelines Act, 2003 (Act No. 60 of 2003).

On 6 May 2021, the Energy Regulator published a consultation paper on Eskom's application for a ten-year negotiated pricing agreement for Hillside Aluminium Smelter (Pty) Ltd in Richards Bay, Umhlathuze Local Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal. The document is available on the NERSA website at www.nersa.org.za, under 'Electricity>Consultation>Documents'.

NERSA invites all stakeholders to attend a public hearing on Eskom's application for a ten-year negotiated pricing agreement for Hillside Aluminium Smelter (Pty) Ltd. The details are as follows:

Date: **1 July 2021**
Venue: Virtual Platform (MS Teams)
Time: **09:00 – 12:00**

Members of the public and stakeholders who wish to attend or present their views at the public hearing must submit their request to publichearings@nersa.org.za by **15:30 on 28 June 2021** for the attention of Mr Eleazer Dlamini.

For more information or queries on the above, please contact Mr Dlamini at 012 401 4035.

Kindly note that if NERSA does not receive any requests to present at the advertised public hearing by the closing date of this notice, NERSA retains the right not to hold the scheduled hearing.