



# MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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## **MEDIA STATEMENT: MUNICIPALITY TAKES ACTION AGAINST THEFT AND ILLEGAL SALE OF ELECTRICITY**

The Municipality is investigating a complaint that while it is owing Eskom a huge arear debt there are companies and businesses that are stealing electricity from the Municipality.

**It is alleged that these businesses are stealing from the Municipality either by:-**

1. Bypassing the meters,
2. Interfering with the meters and
3. Landlord selling electricity to tenants.

An example of the Landlord selling electricity to tenants is where a business owner who is renting out the business premises to a certain number of tenants received electricity supply from the Municipality at a certain tariff as approved by NERSA. In turn the Landlord installs electricity meters for the each tenant and start charging the tenants the electricity tariffs way out of the NERSA approved tariffs acting as an electricity service provider/ vender.

We wish to warn the implicated businesses that the Matjhabeng by-law Unit under the command of Mr Lehana Leeto is conducting inspections of meters in all businesses around Matjhabeng. Should it be found that your meter is interfered with or you are selling electricity to your tenants, the Municipality will lay criminal charges against you and proceed with the normal action of cutting the electricity supply to your premises.

Your tenants will also be alerted to your irregular business practises.

**MF LEPHEANA  
MUNICIPAL MANAGER**

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