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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **NNR RECEIVES APPLICATION FOR A NUCLEAR INSTALLATION SITE LICENCE (NISL) FOR THE THYSPUNT AND DUYNEFONTEIN SITES.**

- 15 March 2016, Centurion, Pretoria, South Africa –

On 10 March 2016, the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) received two Nuclear Installation Site Licence (NISL) applications from ESKOM Holdings SOC(Ltd). The sites applied for are; - Thyspunt in the Eastern Cape and Duynefontein in the Western Cape. Both applications mentioned the applicant's intention to construct and operate multiple nuclear installations (power reactors) and associated auxiliary nuclear installations of a plant type and technology not yet identified.

"The NNR's licensing process includes a series of steps starting with a thorough review and safety assessment which involves a risk evaluation of potential hazards. The NNR has a robust system for licensing sites for new nuclear installations and we believe that this system combined with the NNR's extensive know-how in regulating a wide range of nuclear activities can assure stakeholders that we strive for the highest standards for nuclear safety and security. The application is received in accordance with Sections 20(1) and 21(1) of the NNR Act, "stated Mr Phillips, Senior Manager Standards, Authorisations, Reviews and Assessments of the NNR.

The NNR will initiate a review of the application to determine level of compliance with relevant regulations and whether it should be accepted for further technical assessments and public comment. Alternatively, should the NNR find non-compliances with the application, it will be rejected and deferred to the applicant.

The NNR assures all stakeholders that any authorisation to be considered by the NNR will have to comply with the highest level of safety coupled with best practices available from international standards. Further developments on the proposed project – starting with the



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application for a site licence will be tracked through the Government Gazette of South Africa and updates will become periodically available on the NNR website.

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### **About the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR)**

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) to provide for the protection of persons, property and the environment against nuclear damage through the establishment of safety standards and regulatory practices.