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Media release

SMS Load shedding alerts

STLM apologises for the inconvenience to customers due to inaccurate SMS load shedding alerts. However, it has been difficult to give alerts with 100 percent accuracy as Eskom admits its load shedding schedule is constantly disrupted, due to unforeseen problems at its power plants.

Eskom Mpumalanga, Communications Practitioner Corporate Affairs Ms Juanita Vogel, disclosed at a Local Communicators Forum meeting last week Friday the dynamics of planning a 100 percent accurate load shedding schedule is extremely difficult, "given the problems arising on a daily basis to unforeseen infrastructure and maintenance problems at our power stations that are under stress, which could remain like this for the rest of the year." Vogel also said that population growth had contributed to the extreme stress on the power grid, leading to some of the problems currently experienced nationally.

Service delivery to our customers is STLM's first priority and we will do our utmost to give accurate load shedding schedules as and when given by Eskom.

For further information on Eskom load shedding go to:
<http://loadshedding.eskom.co.za/>

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