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MEDIA STATEMENT**IMMEDIATE RELEASE****BUSA APPEALS FOR A NEGOTIATED OUTCOME TO ESKOM WAGE DISPUTE**

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BUSA is deeply concerned at the prospect of industrial action at Eskom, not only because Eskom is regarded as an essential service, but also to ensure that South Africa's overall interests are put first in the handling of the Eskom situation. BUSA hopes that an acceptable agreement can still be reached soon to avoid serious disruption to the economy at a critical time – both from the point of view of the still-fragile economic recovery as well as the impact on the Soccer World Cup.

It would be very regrettable if the success of the Soccer World Cup so far was to be marred by power outages caused by strike action. The skeptics must continue to be proved wrong about South Africa's capacity to successfully host the World Cup. BUSA therefore appeals to the labour unions concerned and Eskom to continue the wage negotiations in order to secure a balanced and realistic outcome.

BUSA strongly believes that the collective bargaining process should be given a further opportunity to resolve the Eskom wage situation in South Africa's national interests.

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