



MKHONDO

LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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The Executive Mayor, Cllr. VM. Motha, and the Local Council is pioneering a focused revenue recovery initiative with Vodacom as part of the broader "OPERATION KHOKHA" campaign.

The Municipality appeals to residents and businesses to cooperate fully with officials who will be visiting households and business premises for the First phase of our Smart Account Management program, which will be the audit of all meters currently in the Municipal area.

Mkhondo Local Municipality will commence in September 2017, with upgrading of metering infrastructure. The project starts with replacing 1017 Commercial and Industrial meters and 3000 Residential meters as Phase 1.

An integral part of this initiative is to create local jobs in the area. Close to 50 jobs will be created and these resources are recruited from the local colleges with a minimum of an SO4 and N6 Electrical qualification. The program seeks to enhance the lives of the local community as well as the student's working experience to facilitate a high level of entry into the formal employment market.

Council approved these upgrades, in an attempt to eliminate or at least reduce the continuous electricity revenue losses which is a result of, among other things, ageing infrastructure, inaccurate meter reading and illegal connections to the electricity network.

The program will commence with meter audits. This exercise does not require disconnection of the electricity it merely seeks to establish requirements for new meters to be installed. Note however that at installation of the new meter, a disconnection might be required for certain connection types.

The project is scheduled to be completed by November 2017. By allocating adequate funding to such projects, the municipality is making headway with improving ageing infrastructure and creating jobs locally. The upgrading will improve the quality of life for local residents and ensure that this critical infrastructure remains in a good state for years to come.

The municipality has made a commitment to regularly update residents and the business community as the project unfolds.

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