

Senior Eskom manager suspended, R12m bank account frozen

Eskom's senior coal procurement manager, Petrus Mazibuko, has been suspended on suspicion of corruption involving millions. The allegation is that he was receiving kickbacks from two Eskom suppliers.



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Following a tip off from a whistle blower, the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) started proceedings to freeze a bank account with a balance close to R12m linked to Mazibuko. The account is in the name of Thephunokhetja Projects, and bank documents obtained by the SIU show the account's signatories to be Mazibuko and a Shadrack Mazibuko.

The SIU says it's found no evidence that Thephunokhetja Projects provided services or was legally entitled to claim for goods or services rendered to the power utility.

"As corruption and fraud have no place and will not be tolerated at Eskom. The utility will do everything it can to weed out corrupt elements from within its workforce and suppliers.

Furthermore, efforts to clean up the company's operations and suppliers are in full swing, with some investigations into cases that have been identified at an advanced stage," it said.

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