

City of Joburg signs agreement to increase power supply

Gauteng Premier David Makhura, together with Johannesburg Mayor Mpho Moerane, have signed a power purchase agreement which is expected to add an extra 100MW of electricity to the city's power supply.



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The two-year agreement was signed with private electricity supplier Kelvin Power Station, which is expected to increase its electricity supply sent to the city's power utility City Power from 80MW to 180MW.

Makhura highlighted that a secure electricity supply is needed for the economy of the city to grow.

"Johannesburg has huge economic potential... but you can't have an economy and residents enjoying quality of life if there is no power supply.

"Intermittent power supply interruptions have destroyed businesses and undermined the position of the city as an economic entry of our province. It is extremely important that we get Kelvin to go to the 300MW [of power supply]," he said.



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He added that the province's metropolitan municipalities need to “take over” electricity from Eskom.

“[Ekurhuleni Metro Municipality] is going out on an expansion... on power supply. They want to get more renewable energy supply with independent power suppliers.

“The municipalities – especially the metros – taking over the supply of electricity is the right way to go. These are critical governance issues. This is an era where municipalities... [have to] build their own capacities,” he said.

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