

Appointment of Mr Mbulelo Ncetezo as Director of URA

Ebene, Tuesday, 26 July 2022 – The Board of the Utility Regulatory Authority (URA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Langa Mbulelo Ncetezo as Director of the URA, effective from 26 July 2022, for a period of three years.

Mr Ncetezo has extensive experience in regulation and worked at the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) as the *Executive Manager* of its Electricity Regulation Division for about 11 years. During his tenure at NERSA, Mr Ncetezo was involved in several major energy projects and also chaired the Grid Code Advisory Committee for the South African Grid Code, from 2007 to 2017.

Mr Ncetezo holds a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (M.S.E.E) from the University of Minneapolis (USA) and has also undergone numerous trainings in Utility regulation and reforms. He will succeed Mrs Eunice H. Potani, whose contract ended in May 2022 and was extended for 3 months, to ensure a smooth handing over process. Mr Ncetezo resides in South Africa with his spouse and children.

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About the Utility Regulatory Authority

The Utility Regulatory Authority (URA) was officially launched in September 2016 with the appointment of the Chairperson and Commissioners as per the provisions of the *URA Act* which was enacted in November 2004 and further amended in 2008 and 2016. The URA became operational on 10 June 2022. The URA's objectives are four-fold: to ensure the sustainability and viability of utility services, to protect the interests of both existing and future customers, to promote efficiency in both operations and capital investments in respect of utility services and to promote competition to prevent unfair and anti-competitive practices in the utility services industry. The URA's office is located at 1 Cybercity Building, Level 8, Ebene.

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