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During the Service Delivery IMBIZO held in KwaBhaca on the 26th May 2023, Umzimvubu Mayor, Cllr

Zukiswa Ndevu welcomed the R17 million fund injection from the Integrated National Electrification

Programme (INEP) for the upcoming 2023/2024 Financial Year (FY).

INEP is a government initiative aimed to provide capital subsidies to municipalities to address the electrification backlog of permanently occupied residential dwellings. The purpose of the INEP is to manage the electrification planning, funding, and implementation process with the aim of addressing electrification backlogs.

In her statement, the Mayor emphasised that government has a responsibility to ensure the electrification of all its citizens, particularly, in rural areas, uplift the people and make life more convenient. During the 2022/2023 financial year, the Municipality managed to connect at least 254

households to the ESKOM gridline. The Mayor further called for patience during this period, as the

Municipality works towards the electrification of all households.

“I want to plead with the community to remain patient during this period as we continue to reduce our electrification backlog. We are in talks with Eskom to speed up the energising process of all completed electricity projects”, said Cllr Ndevu.

The Municipality remains confident in its bid to continue connecting households and to alleviate the existing backlog.

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