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## **Lesedi Nuclear Services Brand Launch - Press Release**

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### **Integrating Lesedi Nuclear Services into AREVA NP**

This day, Wednesday 30 July, 2008, sees the culmination of a historic process that began in the early 1980's with the construction of Koeberg Nuclear Power Station. Lesedi Nuclear Services was founded soon after the commissioning of Koeberg to provide technical resources for the Nuclear Power Industry in South Africa. Over the years, the company has successfully completed numerous projects in nuclear and conventional engineering environments, primarily at Eskom's Koeberg Nuclear Power Plant.

In response to the energy market demands for increased localisation and empowerment, Lesedi's core business has evolved to become a quality driven, multi-skilled organisation focused on the delivery of solutions for complex, turnkey projects, in addition to maintenance and production support. Its core business focus is in the strategic fields of Project Management, Design Engineering, Maintenance and Operations, Plant Engineering, and the provision of Technical Personnel.

Following a courtship that lasted several years, Lesedi finally became a subsidiary of AREVA NP at the end of 2006. Today's unveiling of Lesedi's new colours – in full sync with AREVA NP - is indeed the consummation of a relationship between South African engineering expertise and French Nuclear technological prowess. It is also the beginning of a consolidation process for the effective presence of AREVA in South Africa to play a leading role in the country's nuclear energy power supply.

"This has indeed been an important step for us to take", explains Eric McDonald, Lesedi's MD for Operations. "It is the heralding of an era of exciting things for us and for the country. Our relationship with AREVA will unlock many doors of opportunity for many aspiring South African nuclear engineers. It will also create excellent platforms for exchange between South Africa and France, while helping our country overcome its recent electricity supply woes. It is good to be part of this".

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