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**Erongo Regional Electricity Distributor Company (Pty) Ltd  
(Reg. No. 2004/074)**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **INFORMATION TO ERONGO RED PRE-PAID CUSTOMERS**

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Erongo RED hereby wish to inform all customers that with the implementation of the Time Of Use Tariffs by NamPower, the electricity purchases went up from 31,79 cents/unit to either: 42,54 cents/unit for standard times or 102,50 cents/unit for peak times.

All tariffs had to be adjusted accordingly in order to allow Erongo RED to recover its costs. This also had an effect on the Pre-paid tariffs implemented as from 1 July 2009.

The Prepayment tariffs for 2009 /2010 have been approved by the Electricity Control Board and the following were taken into consideration:

- a) Tariff harmonization will be implemented over a period taking the viability of Erongo RED into consideration.
- b) The harmonisation will be implemented over a period of time, in a phase-in approach, to reduce the risk of projected loss in revenue due to seasonal consumption patterns in holiday towns like Henties Bay, Swakopmund and Walvis Bay. The main consideration is achieving cost reflectivity and harmonization of pre-paid tariffs in the region.
- c) As of July 2009 discontinuation of pre-paid tariffs with a basic charge in all areas, since these were based on what could be perceived as discriminatory criteria and the charging of a basic charge undermines the fundamental principle of pre-paid electricity especially in Henties Bay.
- d) The discontinuation of pre-paid basic charge will compensate for the increase in the consumption especially Henties Bay.
- e) A special tariff for 20 Ampere has been created for low consumption customers.

Please contact your nearest Erongo RED paypoint for more information.

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