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POWER OUTAGES IN HENTIES BAY

A recent reader's letter in the Namib Times referring to six (6) power outages in Henties Bay from January to March 2010 refers.

The facts are as follows:

1. There were power outages on the following dates.

2 January 2010 – 3 January 2010	17 February 2010
15 January 2010	22 March 2010
15 January 2010	24 March 2010

2. Every one of these outages was advertised as outages requested by or due by NamPower for the following reasons:
 - a) Faults on the supply to Henties Bay.
 - b) Repair and preventative maintenance done on the supply to Henties Bay
 - c) The necessity to connect new customers like the Areva Uranium Mine to the 220 kilovolt network.
 - d) Planned outages are always advertised at least ten (10) working days ahead of time in the media and at our pay points, and reasons are given in each notice.
3. In order to develop this region and create employment it is necessary to allow the connection of new large developments like the uranium mines.
4. This notice should not be misinterpreted as shifting blame away from Erongo RED, but it must be stressed that NamPower is responsible for the networks up to the Henties Bay supply point, and Erongo RED needs to co-operate with NamPower when they request an outage.
5. The purpose of "Earth Hour" was to create awareness on carbon dioxide pollution and energy efficiency. This was done after approval from the Municipality of Henties Bay. It must be noted that only the lights along Jackalsputz Road were switched off for one hour for "Earth Hour" on 27 March 2010.
6. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, but for safety this maintenance must be done.

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