

Lomas arrested in Eskom corruption case

Former Eskom contractor, Michael Lomas, was arrested by the United Kingdom authorities on 15 April in connection with R745m Kusile power station corruption case.



Kusile Power Station

In line with the UK legal processes, Lomas had to appear before the British court before he could be extradited to South Africa to face charges. He was granted bail of R1.7m last week and also had to submit additional surety of around R4.3m. In addition, his passport and South African ID be retained by police. He also cannot apply for international travel documents or be in possession of any.

His arrest brings to five the number of people arrested in relation to the alleged crimes.

Lamos is expected to join his co-accused, former Eskom executives Abram Masango and France Hlakudi, businessman Maphoko Kgomoewana and Tubular Construction chief executive officer Antonio Trindade in court on 1 June 2021, when the matter returns to court.

Special Investigating Unit (SIU) spokesperson Kaizer Kganyago said the arrests follow an intensive investigation which uncovered evidence pointing to criminal action against the five accused.

“The evidence as required by SIU Act, was referred to the National Prosecuting Authority and also to the Directorate for

Priority Crimes Investigation (Hawks) for further attention. In 2018 the SIU was directed in terms of Proclamation R11 of 2018, to investigate the procurement of or contracting for services by Eskom and payments that were made in respect thereof.

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