

## **Eskom Lights up Jinja City**

- **Eskom invests UGX 233 million to light the entire length of Gabula Street**
- **The project has improved visibility within the City and reduced crime**

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Eskom Uganda has today handed over 31 solar streetlights installed on Gabula Street to the Jinja City leadership.

The UGX 233 million investment is part of the shared value initiative by the power generator, whose objective is to improve communities where it operates. The investment was done in partnership with Absa Bank.

“Eskom Uganda is pleased to partner with the leadership of Jinja City to make our city safer and easier to live and work in. This is a shared responsibility, and I am glad for the progress,” said Eskom Uganda Managing Director, Thozama Gangi at the handover.

The self-standing solar powered streetlights were installed after engagements with Jinja City Council, having been identified as a solution to increasing theft cases during the night. The project was carried out by Power Trust Limited, a Ugandan Company.

Speaking at the handover, Jinja Mayor Majid Batambuze appreciated Eskom for the continuous partnership. “I know that we have long term friends in Eskom. You have not only supported us in fighting crime and beautifying the city, you have also been lifelong partners in health, education, sports and the environment. Jinja City is proud of you and we are proud of our relationship. Thank you.”

Eskom has invested over UGX 9.2 billion (USD 2.5m) in communities in Jinja, Buikwe and Gulu since 2003 in key focus areas of the environment, sports, health and education.

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