

Bulk Supplies to Municipalities

In all Undertakings, Escom provided bulk supplies to 165 urban local authorities, these supplies accounting for 20·53 per cent of total sales.

The sum of the maximum demands of these Consumers in 1963 was of the order of 900 MW which represents a capital investment in Escom power stations of about R100 million.

A substantial proportion of these bulk supplies is re-distributed by Local Authorities to industrial and commercial users; so that the over-all increase at the high rate of 11·7 per cent for the year reflects a marked up-turn in industrial and commercial activities throughout the country.

During the year new supplies were given to Alicedale, Barberton and Ottosdal, and additional points of supply were provided for Robertson in the Cape and Middelburg, Transvaal.