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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: **NEPRA IMPOSES FINE OF RS. 26 MILLION ON HESCO ON ACCOUNT OF FATALITIES DUE TO TRANSFORMER BLAST**

NEPRA has imposed a fine of Rupees Twenty Six (26) million on Hyderabad Electric Supply Company (HESCO) on account of transformer blast at Latifabad, Hyderabad in which 10 persons died and around 12 persons were injured.

02. NEPRA upon receipt of reports of the subject incident constituted a three (03) member Investigation Committee under Section 27A of NEPRA Act 1997 which investigated the matter in detail by visiting the site of incident, recording statements of the residents, inquiring the concerned officials/officers of HESCO, conducting analysis of the damaged transformer, visiting manufacturer of the blasted transformer and presented a detailed report to the Authority. The report revealed a total of 10 fatalities which included 01 HESCO's employee and 9 persons from general public and 12 injured persons.

03. Therefore, the Authority issued a Show Cause notice to HESCO under Section 27B of the NEPRA Act, 1997 and later provided an opportunity of hearing to HESCO. Based on the evidence available on record, submissions of HESCO and relevant provisions of the laws, rules and regulations; the Authority concluded that HESCO has failed to discharge its statutory obligations to maintain safety standards as laid down in the relevant laws, code and manual.

04. The Authority has therefore, imposed a fine of Rs. 26 million on HESCO. The Authority has also noticed that HESCO has given compensation of Rs. 3.5 million to the family of its deceased employee who lost his life in the said incident, however, compensation of Rs. 7.5 lac has been given to the families of 09 deceased persons from the general public. The Authority has therefore, directed HESCO to compensate the families of the deceased from the general public equal to the amount given to its deceased employee's family (Rs. 3.5 million) and documentary evidence of the same shall be shared with the Authority.

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