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**COMMITTEE ON TRADE POLICY CIRCULAR NO. 73/11.**

To all members of the BUSA **Committee on Trade Policy,**

**URGENT CALL FOR INPUTS ON THE IMPACT OF RISING ELECTRICITY PRICES ON THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR**

The Department of Trade and Industry will soon be making representations to Parliament on the impact of rising electricity on manufacturing. They have appealed for assistance in terms of information on the impact that the rise in electricity prices has on our members.

We therefore request that all manufacturing concerns, or member organisations representing manufacturing concerns forward any information such information that they may have at hand. It would be of particular value if the share of electricity cost in the cost structures, the increase thereof over the last two years and the impact it has had on individual companies could be expressed in quantifiable terms (% , Rand-value, R-value/job-value of investments stalled, jobs lost).

It would be appreciated if any such information could reach [busi.ndlovu@busa.org.za](mailto:busi.ndlovu@busa.org.za) by no later than **COB Friday, 9 September 2011.**

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