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Requirements for Reduced Supervision
in accordance with the
Power Engineers Regulation (AR85/2003)

This Information Bulletin establishes that ABSA document *Requirements for Reduced Supervision of Power Plants, Thermal Liquid Heating Systems, and Heating Plants* (AB-528, Edition 3), specifies the technical and supervision requirements that must be met by an owner to operate a power plant, thermal liquid heating system, or heating plant with reduced supervision as permitted respectively under Sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 of the *Power Engineers Regulation*.

Information Bulletin IB16-012 issued July 14, 2016 is hereby rescinded.

Background

“Reduced supervision” was introduced with the 2013 amendments to the *Power Engineers Regulation*. The default requirement for plant operation supervision is specified in Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the *Power Engineers Regulation*. Reduced supervision is an optional method of compliance specified in Sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 of the *Power Engineers Regulation*. The owner may choose to operate the plant with reduced supervision, provided the plant is operated in compliance with both the *Power Engineers Regulation* and the requirements specified in the AB-528, Edition 3 document. It is noted that “reduced supervision” is a reduction in the level of power engineer certification, or reduction in the physical presence of power engineers at the plant site. These reductions are offset by additional administrative and engineering controls designed and intended to maintain the same level of safety.

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