

## Nedbank introduces green power management system

The Nedbank Group has further demonstrated its commitment to green initiatives by dramatically reducing its carbon footprint and power consumption.



In an ongoing attempt to manage its impact on the environment, Nedbank Group Technology is rolling out a power management system that is set to save the group R2.2-R3.5 million per year; and once fully implemented, a carbon saving that equates to taking 1800 cars off the road each year.

### **A dramatic difference**

The three-month roll-out will be completed by July 2013 and will dramatically reduce the power consumption of the 30,000 PCs and laptops used by Nedbank staff members nationally.

Says Colin Wheater, divisional executive of Group Technology's Infrastructure & Operations Division, "The power management system is simple by design and encourages all 29,000 staff members to take charge of their PC or laptop's power usage. As a result, when not in use, computers will be in a state of standby or low power, as opposed to the previous 'idle' or 'screensaver' mode, which, despite the name, still uses approximately 30% of electricity."

The system is easy to manage and will dramatically reduce the current consumption rate of approximately 10 million kilowatts a year. Staff members are prompted by a pop-up on their screens to select the power management profile that best suits their needs. Staff can also track their own power consumption. Adds Wheater, "We are anticipating an average power saving of 12 KWh per laptop device per year, which equates to 11.8 kg CO2 emissions per laptop, and 131 KWh per desktop per year, equating to 129.69kg CO2 emissions per desktop. It's a massive saving for the bank and is also in line with empowering staff to embark on their own journey towards climate change."

This initiative fits directly in line with Nedbank's sustainability focus and contributes to attaining its carbon footprint reduction targets.

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