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Our Ref. Media Statement: Police Intercept a Truck Carrying Stolen Copper Cables And Other Electrical Components On The N1 Near Glen	**Your Ref.:**

MEDIA STATEMENT: POLICE INTERCEPT A TRUCK CARRYING STOLEN COPPER CABLES AND OTHER ELECTRICAL COMPONENTS ON THE N1 NEAR GLEN.

For immediate release

CENTLEC welcomes the arrest of the truck driver who was found in possession of allegedly stolen copper cables and other items belonging to the company.

On Friday afternoon, 12 June 2026, CENTLEC's Security Department was alerted by an anonymous source to a truck en-route to Johannesburg from Bloemfontein, reportedly loaded with stolen copper cables. The intelligence was immediately operationalised and members of the South African Police Service (SAPS) were activated to intercept the vehicle.

The truck was intercepted on the N1 near Glen and SAPS officials inspected the vehicle and discovered 11 large white bags containing assorted copper cables. The materials were verified and positively identified as the property of CENTLEC.

During the operation, the police recovered stolen electrical infrastructure components including various sizes of copper and Air-Dac cables and transformer coils with a total

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estimated value of R75,876.97. Stolen copper cables were in transit from the Heidedal-based NFS Scrap Metal to Soweto.

The suspect is currently under police custody at Park Road Police station and is expected to appear before the Bloemfontein Magistrate Court for bail application. He is facing charges relating to theft and vandalism of essential infrastructure in terms of the Criminal Matters Amendment Act 18 of 2015.

This arrest is part of a widespread effort by CENTLEC and the South African Police Service (SAPS) to combat the rampant theft and vandalism of critical infrastructure in our area of operation.

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