

PRESS RELEASE

“LIGHT FOR OUR PEOPLE”

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In support of the Eritrean Electric Corporation’s Rural Electrification Program, S-ERI Forum (Swedish-Eritrean Forum for Development Cooperation), has sent 11 000 electric meters, worth over 1 million SKR to Eritrea.

The fully functional meters were obtained from [Umeå Energi](#) which is changing its network to a remote billing system instead of the traditional use of el-meters in every household. Some of the meters were donated by [Lunds Energi AB](#) a second time participant in the project.

Transportation cost for the large container was funded by Volvo Employee Help Organization, which donated 60 thousand SKR. It is to be recalled that the same organization had made similar contribution in 2004, when S-ERI Forum sent 10 000 electric meters to Eritrea in collaboration with [Elverket Vallentuna AB](#) The Eritrean Electric Corporation is rapidly expanding the distribution of electricity to the rural areas at a very high cost. The el-meters will greatly speed up the Corporation’s efforts.

Two large submersible water pumps obtained from Landveter Airport, where also shipped along in the same container. The pumps, which can pump water from 50 meter deep, will be used by the Eritrean Ministry of Agriculture.

The goods, which are expected to arrive in Massawa in January 2008, were packed by members of the Eritrean Community in Umeå. Our sincere thanks!

S-ERI Forum also extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to all the companies who donated materials and funds. It further pledges its efforts for the national development of Eritrea through similar activities. It also takes this opportunity to invite all concerned to become supportive members.

Further information about the “Light for Our People” project and other activities please visit our web site at www.seriforum.org.

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