

# Did You Know?

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**The Department of  
Mineral Resources and Energy  
hosted the global launch of the IEA  
Coal 2019 Report on  
17 December 2019.**



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**The IEA Coal 2019 Report provides an analysis and forecast of global coal trends to 2024, and is a key event in the IEA annual schedule of Global Report Launches**



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**Coal Report 2019** constitutes a major event for South Africa in our efforts to foster an ongoing and balanced dialogue, in support of the recently approved Integrated Resource Plan 2019 (IRP2019), and energy planning in general.



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**Secure, reliable energy supply is a catalyst for economic growth and development.**



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**As the Ministry responsible for providing energy policy for the country, it is important for us to keep security of supply at the back of our minds in all our deliberations and planning.**



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**The current nature of the debate on which source of energy technology is better than another, is not helpful to the process. It should not be about coal vs renewables vs nuclear, but rather about an energy mix that uses all available resources to achieve this mandate.**



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**The department has moved with the necessary speed to ensure the implementation of the IRP, particularly given the current challenges faced by Eskom.**





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**The Request for Information (RFI) was published on 13 December 2019 which will assist to analyse options to enable the procurement of 2000 to 3000 MW of power generation capacity that can be connected to the grid in the shortest time, at the least possible cost.**



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**Discussion has commenced with the Independent Power Producers to establish which of the Bid Window 4 projects, originally scheduled to come on stream in 2023, can be brought on stream from February 2020.**



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**The IRP 2019 recognises coal as part of the South African energy mix, and projects that the mineral will remain a key energy source to generate electricity in South Africa by 2030, with a strong uptake of renewable energy and other complementary energy sources and technologies,**

**including gas.**



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**South Africa has reduced its reliance on coal for generating electricity from over 90% to just over 75% over the past few years. Coal faces pressure from a number of areas, including access to funding for coal projects, decommissioning of ageing power plants, and key trading partners aiming for coal sovereignty.**



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**Coal-sector workers do not only have a positive impact on the welfare of their communities through direct compensation, but also through the indirect and induced income earning potential in broader formal and informal economic activities historically made possible by the coal sector.**



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**The IEA plays a critical role in providing authoritative analysis through a wide range of work and publications, of which the Annual Coal Report is an important and much anticipated contribution in the annual calendar.**



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**South Africa formally joined the IEA as an Associate Country in November 2018, and our relationship with the IEA is growing stronger. We value our partnership as we firmly believe that we should work with international partners to find a balance around the energy sector debates, transition risks and opportunities.**



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**Strategically, South Africa collaborates with the IEA in a manner that advances and supports our domestic economic and socio-economic interests, and improves the developmental prospects of other emerging markets and developing countries. This includes: strengthened cooperation in areas of mutual interest such as mitigation against climate change; transitioning to an environmentally sustainable energy system; universal energy access; energy efficiency and affordability; diversification of energy supply sources; investments in energy and energy infrastructure; technological progress; energy industry and market development; research; policy analysis; and finance, trade and inclusive economic growth.**





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**As the incoming Chair of the African Union in 2020, we value the IEA's expanded focus on the African continent. While Africa faces challenges, it also offers enormous opportunities. This enhanced activity is timely and will hopefully culminate in more African countries being invited to join the IEA, and contributing to global energy governance. We are delighted to be the host of the African Union Commission – IEA Ministerial Forum in April 2020, in Johannesburg.**



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**We must reiterate that the South African government is committed to decreasing greenhouse gas emissions and to our commitments under the Paris Agreement, in line with our nationally determined contributions.**



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**Our goal is to pursue a cleaner, technologically advanced, low-cost and reliable energy system that not only contributes to environmental sustainability, but also to improved social welfare and economic growth.**

