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DoE holds IEP & IRP 2016 update consultation sessions

Durban, 9 December 2016 - The first and second public consultation sessions for the updated draft Integrated Energy Plan (IEP) and Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2016 have now been held in Boksburg and Durban. The sessions attracted interested stakeholders from all areas of society including sector professionals and associations, academics, industry, business, media and community members.

The two draft plans were approved for public consultations by Cabinet on 2 November 2016. The aim of the workshops is to present the detailed plans which contain scenarios envisioned for the country's energy mix up to 2050, for comment and inputs by all interested South Africans.

Addressing the interested stakeholders gathered to hear the presentations of the two plans Mr Ompi Aphane, Deputy Director General Policy and Planning, reminded everyone that the plans are drafts, to be shared with all South Africans for inputs and comment. Mr Aphane noted that the IRP update builds on the IRP 2010-30 IRP, and that there is no intention on the part of government to force or exclude any technology from the energy mix. Noting the ongoing updates of the documents based on developments during the consultation process, Aphane encouraged participants to continuously review the document posted on the DoEs website.

DDG Aphane emphasised that the schedule for the consultations was decided upon in line with Cabinet's directive for the DoE to conduct the consultations. Mr Aphane reminded participants and the media present that the public have until end of February 2017 to submit inputs, and should not limit themselves to making inputs and comments during consultations attended.

The IEP is the national umbrella plan which among others will guide policy development in South Africa, set the framework for regulations, and inform the selection of technologies to meet future energy demand up to 2050. In scope the IEP covers the entire energy sector and considers all elements of the energy value chain. Given the substantial scope of the IEP and the fact that a multitude of factors need to be considered, development of the IEP is an extensive process in that the availability of the energy resources must be taken into consideration and demand for all fuels must be included.



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The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) can be viewed as a subset of the IEP in that it considers only the future demand and supply of electricity, and proposes a capacity expansion plan to ensure that the energy demand needs are met in the most effective way.

The Department of Energy's process for the update of the IRP has set four key milestones, which are (1) settling the key assumptions; (2) developing a base case (Starting point); (3) modelling and analysing the various scenarios; and finally (4) developing the final plan taking into account the various scenarios and policy positions.

The first and second milestones have been completed and are the basis of the public consultation process. The third milestone, which involves testing various scenarios and sensitivities, is currently under way. The fourth milestone, which relates to policy adjustment, will follow once public consultations and scenario analysis are completed.

The IEP and IRP update documents have been released for consultation purposes and a decision will only be made by the government once the consultation process has been concluded.

The DoE appreciates the robust nature of the inputs and engagements from participants, as well as the informative presentations made by among others: Abengoa; Bushveld Energy; Democracy Works South Africa; CEPZA; CSIR; Eton; Fossil Fuel Foundation; GAIA; (KabiSolar;)NIASA; PAMSA; SAIPPA; SAREC; Solar Reserve; STELAWorld; and OUTA in Boksburg. While 3Energy, and groundWork presented in Durban, and other inputs have been received via our website.

The draft documents can be accessed on the following links: http://www.energy.gov.za/files/iep_2016.html and <http://www.energy.gov.za/IRP/irp-2016.html>

The remainder of the scheduled workshops for 2016 will take place at 8:30-17:00 as follows:

Tuesday, 13 December 2016, Cape Town ICC

Wednesday, 14 December 2016, Sun International Boardwalk, Port Elizabeth

Look out for information on more workshops during January - February 2017, with all comments and inputs due by end February 2017.

For more information on registration and other information go to www.energy.gov.za.



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Members of the media are invited to cover these consultative workshops.

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