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Minister Kubayi congratulates newly appointed BP Southern Africa CEO – Ms Prischillah Mabelane

The Minister of Energy, Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi congratulates Ms Priscillah Mabelane on her appointment as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BP Southern Africa. Ms Mabelane is appointed with effect of 1st September 2017, exactly six years after joining the organisation in 2011 as Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and then Operations Director, United Kingdom.

The appointment of Ms Mabelane's comes at an opportune time where as the department we are focusing on the issues of the transformation of the energy sector, as demonstrated by the recent Women in Energy dialogue, complemented by the launch of the Women in Energy Awards. Acknowledging the corporate responsibilities inherent in Ms Mabelane's role as the CEO for BP Southern Africa, "I look forward to her interaction and contribution to the programmes that promote radical socio-economic transformation within the energy sector".

As she joins the ranks of South African women breaking barriers in all areas of society, Ms Priscillah Mabelane's accomplishment as the first black woman CEO of one of the multi-national oil majors is a significant achievement to be acknowledged. This should encourage others to follow in ensuring that the abundance of talent and capacity in this country doesn't remain hidden but nourished. This achievement also marks a significant milestone for BPSA, which nurtured her development during her service as CFO and then Operations Director for BP in the UK

I take this opportunity to wish Ms Mabelane all the success in her new responsibility and assure her of my support as the Minister of Energy.

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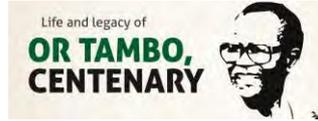
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