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MINISTER OF ENERGY PAID A COURTESY VISIT AT SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY CORPORATION (NECSA)

On 01 February 2018, the Minister of Energy, Mr David Mahlobo paid a courtesy visit to the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (known as Necsa). This visit forms part of the Minister's continued monitoring and evaluation of the progress made by State Owned Companies (SOC's) in line with their mandate, which is to drive industrialisation and the economic growth necessary to address the high levels of inequality in our society.

Necsa is a state-owned company responsible for undertaking and promoting Research and Development (R&D) in the field of nuclear energy and radiation sciences. It is also responsible for processing source material and co-operating with other institutions, locally and abroad, on nuclear and related matters in line with the Nuclear Energy Act, 1999 (Act No. 46 of 1999).

Minister Mahlobo used this opportunity to see some of the installations such as the Laboratories and the NTP Radioisotopes production facility. The Minister expressed his satisfaction with the progress and developments at Necsa which are in line with the National Development Plan (NDP) imperatives.

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During the visit, Necsa also reported to the Minister that they are working with the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) to resolve all their outstanding issues relating to the NTP shut-down. Necsa also informed the Minister that they would submit reports to the NNR indicating progress made in addressing the concerns raised by the regulator. Minister Mahlobo reiterated the need for all outstanding issues to be resolved as a matter of urgency as compliance in a nuclear installation is of paramount importance.

During the visit, the Minister interacted with the staff and recognised the good work they are doing and applauded them for their dedication and commitment. Minister Mahlobo highlighted the importance of safety and also emphasised that the institution is a resource for the country.

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