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Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme Phase 1 Closure

4 November 2011 – Following the release of the Request for Proposals for the renewable energy Independent Power Producers programme on 3 August 2011, the Department of Energy wishes to inform all concerned parties that the first phase of the five phase process for applications to bid closed today - 4 November 2011 – at 12noon.

Designed to invite Independent Power Producers to bid for the provision of 3 725 megawatts from utilising different renewable energy technologies, the bid process has been successful in attracting more than 400 bidders to register. The department wishes to emphasise that acceptable bids are expected to meet all the required criteria stated in request for the RFP and of particular of importance are the socio-economic development objectives, the tariff payable by the buyer pursuant to a power purchase agreement that will be entered into between the parties and, must have environmental impact assessment approval.

The megawatt generation capacities allocated to each technology are: onshore wind 1850; concentrated Solar 200; solar photovoltaic 1450; biomass 12.5; biogas 12.5; landfill gas 25; small hydro 75 and; small projects 100. These MW are commensurate with the IRP as Gazetted in May 2011.

Ms Nelisiwe Magubane, Director General of the Department of Energy, reminds all parties that each facility procured in terms of this IPP procurement programme will be

required to achieve commercial operation by no later than the end of 2016 as per the IRP.

Subsequent to this IPP procurement there will be a separate procurement process for the Small Projects renewable energy IPP project of 100 megawatts due to commence in early 2012. More information on this process which is designed to favour the smaller emerging players in the field of renewable energy will be provided at a later stage.

The Director General also wishes to confirm that the second phase of this IPP process will close in March 2012, with the other three to follow at later stages. Thus, those who missed the first deadline are encouraged to express their interest in time for the next phase.

The team responsible for administering the compliance of the proposals received is now preparing them for the evaluators who will begin work during the coming week. The outcome will be communicated to the individual bidders and, in line with the timelines stated for this process, the DoE will announce the preferred bidders in each category by the time of COP17 which is due to take place during the period of 28 November – 9 December 2011.

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For more detailed information on the RFP refer to documents previously loaded on the website at www.energy.gov.za.

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