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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Bid Window 3 Status update**

**21 December** - The Department of Energy has taken the decision to postpone the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bid Submission date by three months to 19 August 2013. Thus, the Window 3 submission date is no longer 7 May 2013 but, 19 August 2013. The reasons for the postponement include the following:

- Lessons from Window 1 Financial Close – the Department’s need to incorporate lessons from this Window into the subsequent windows. Thus, it is necessary important to allocate more time for effective inclusion of the value adding changes.
- Updating of the Request for Proposals (RFP) – the IPP team has been inundated with clarity seeking questions from bidders who required explanations of certain sections of the RFP. Having provided the required clarity, it is deemed important to incorporate into the RFP all the amendments made through briefing notes. An RFP inclusive of the briefing notes will simplify the process of preparing bids - especially for first time bidders.
- The Department of Energy is also of the view that this short postponement will allow potential bidders the opportunity to consider the updated RFP and ensure that they can address all necessary changes timeously.
- In the light of various commitments associated with governments overall delivery cycles, it is also considered appropriate to postpone the submission date to the second half of the calendar year. This will allow the IPP team sufficient time to give consideration to the preferred bidder process.
- The Department published new Determinations on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2012. It is imperative that the new renewable determinations are considered in the current programme.

It is projected that the work involved in achieving the tasks stated above can only be completed around February 2013. The Department of Energy believes that publication of a revised RFP by February 2013, with the 19th August as the Bid Submission date, will give bidders sufficient time to finalise their bids for submission in line with the revised RFP.

The process of registering for participation in Window 3 will be re-opened closer to the bid submission date to allow for further registration for this window. Bidders will have an opportunity to register new projects for Window 3

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