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### SOUTH AFRICA IS PURSUING A DIVERSIFIED ENERGY MIX

The Minister of Energy, Ms Tina Joemat-Pettersson, MP, wishes to reiterate that South Africa is pursuing a diversified energy mix which includes Independent Power Producers and the Nuclear New Build Programme in support of the Government's programme of economic growth and development. Again we must emphasise that there is no "nuclear deal". We remain firmly committed to an above board, fair and transparent procurement process with due regard to the scale, pace and price of the programme.

The DoE functions within the policy framework of government, and the programmes implemented by the Department seek to respond to these. All programmes and interventions by the DoE are premised on approved government decisions as outlined in Energy Policy and the Cabinet approved Integrated Resource Plan. These include work on all energy sources such as renewable energy, coal, gas and nuclear.

Ministers and officials within Departments do not operate or work outside the framework of agreed government policy. We further wish to reiterate that we implement programmes in compliance with the relevant guidelines and legislation, as demonstrated by our highly successfully Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme.

There will shortly be announcements on the expedited round for Renewable Energy projects as well Requests For Proposals for the coal and gas IPP projects. The RFP, in terms of the decision of Cabinet on 9 December 2015, for the Nuclear New Build Programme will also be released in compliance with the approved cabinet directive.

The Ministry of Energy will not be distracted from its mandate and responsibilities to ensure and maintain security of energy supply.

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