

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE ENERGY SUPPLY FOR THE COUNTRY**

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy commits to develop adequate generation capacity to meet electricity demand. This is an urgent and immediate task to ensure economic growth.

As part of efforts to ensure security of electricity supply for the country, Minister Gwede Mantashe has considered short and medium term interventions to both the electricity and energy challenges facing the country. These include among others:

- Publication of the Request For Information. The lead time for generation projects under normal circumstances is anything from 36 months onwards. The RFI will enable the Department to have a sense of immediate generation options available (3 to 12 months) to help fill the short term gap. This will then enable the Department to design an appropriate intervention in the immediate term.
- Promulgate Section 34 determinations.
- IPPs to bring Window 4 capacity on stream earlier.
- Drive for the use of LPG gas.

The electricity regulator, NERSA, will be engaged to conclude on matters of concurrence so as to assist the Ministry to respond to the challenges.

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Despite these immediate interventions, the Integrated Resource Plan 2019 is the blueprint that sets a clear path for security of energy supply and electricity for the country. It dictates that South Africa will continue to pursue a diversified energy mix.

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