

## Media Release

Topic: groundWork Court Challenge

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The Department confirms receipt of court papers by “groundWork” against the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Mr Gwede Mantashe and the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA). The Department is studying these papers for a decision on how to respond.

The Department also notes the media statement released by groundWork and Center for Environmental Rights (CER), that seem to suggest that the decisions about South Africa’s energy future as contained in the Integrated Resource Plan 2019 were not made in a transparent manner.

The development of the Integrated Resource Plan including its approval was a transparent and inclusive process with the general public participating through a number of platforms. These included:

- Publication of input assumptions for written public comments;
- Workshops on input assumptions held in all nine provinces;
- Bilateral discussions on assumptions with stakeholders as per invitations received by the Department;
- Publication of the Draft IRP (IRP2018) for written public comments;
- Public input forums convened by the then Portfolio Committee on Energy; and
- Engagement with social partners at NEDLAC.

In the process, the department has also released data used in the modelling of the IRP including public comments received as requested by a number of organisations including the CER.

There is, therefore, no doubt that the IRP2019 was developed in a transparent, consultative and accountable manner.

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