

Media Statement

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DMRE STATEMENT ON KARPOWERSHIP SA ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (The Department) notes the media statement by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) announcing their decision not to grant environmental authorisations pertaining to the three (3) applications submitted by Karpowership SA (Pty) Ltd.

The three projects by Karpowership SA are part of the eleven Preferred Bidder projects announced in March 2021 under the Risk Mitigation Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (RMIPPPP) undertaken by the Department.

The objective of the RMIPPPP is to address the immediate electricity supply constraints and reduce the extensive utilisation of diesel-based peaking electrical generators. The procurement is meant to unlock 1 995 Megawatts of new capacity that can come online within 12 to 18 months after financial close which is end of July 2021.

The Department will await formal communication by the Preferred Bidder on the decision by DFFE before making any further pronouncements.

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