

Media Statement

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LEGAL CHALLENGE IN RESPECT OF THE RISK MITIGATION INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy welcomes the High Court decision which dismissed, with costs, the application from DNG Power Holdings (Pty) Ltd to set aside the appointment of Preferred Bidders under the Risk Mitigation Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (RMIPPPPP).

The High Court decision confirms the Department's pronouncements that the RMIPPPPP procurement was conducted in accordance with applicable legislation, including Section 217 of the Constitution, which is on the basis of a fair, equitable, transparent, competitive and cost-effective process.

The court decision enables the Government and Eskom to finalise its governance and regulatory approval processes to conclude financial close with RMIPPPPP Preferred Bidders by end March 2022.

It is expected that these projects will be operational and ready to deliver much needed generation capacity to the national grid starting 12 months from Financial Close.

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