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MINISTER DIPUO PETERS APPRECIATES INPUTS BY STAKEHOLDERS ON IRP2010

Pretoria, 29 November 2010 – The Minister of Energy Ms Dipuo Peters, MP, has expressed appreciation to inputs made by various stakeholders at the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP2010) public hearings currently underway in various parts of the country.

The Department of Energy is conducting public hearings on the recently released IRP2010 draft. The hearings which started in Durban last week, are today **(29/11/2020)** taking place in Cape Town’s BMW Pavilion. The last leg will be a two-day session in Midrand, Gauteng on 2- 3 December.

“I have noted with appreciation the various inputs made by stakeholders participating in these important hearings. I call upon all interested parties, both organised groups and individuals to continue to actively participate in this process in order for us to have a transparent and informed IRP2010 which includes all the views across the sector,” Minister Peters said.

She re-iterates that IRP2010 is a critical planning instrument responding to the ruling party’s stated policy directive of ensuring an appropriate energy mix. This is in line with the resolutions that were taken at the watershed Polokwane Conference in December 2007, which spoke about the need to diversify our energy mix and sources as well as gravitating towards cleaner forms of energy like renewable and nuclear energy.

The public hearing process and the extension of the deadline for written submissions, the Minister said, re-affirms government’s commitment to a transparent and open consultative process.

“As we move closer to the deadline of 10 December 2010 for the inputs, I further urge all South Africans, private sector, investors, labour and community structures to utilise this space and contribute positively to strengthen this process,” Minister Peters concluded.

NOTES FOR EDITORS:

The Integrated Resource Plan is a 20-year-electricity capacity plan. It aims to provide an indication of the country's electricity demand, how this demand will be supplied and what it will cost. It is not a plan that deals with the overall energy needs for the country nor does it deal with the wider infrastructure plan for the country. It is a key input into those plans and it is envisaged that there will be an iterative process in developing these plans. It tries to cater for a cone of demand and to be flexible within reason to changes in assumptions on demand and supply.

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