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MEDIA STATEMENT

DMRE PUBLISHES REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR THE 2 500 MW NUCLEAR NEW BUILD PROGRAMME

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy has today, 14 June 2020, published the Request For Information (RFI) in respect of the commencement of preparations for a nuclear build programme to the extent of 2 500 MW.

Given the long lead-time of building additional new nuclear capacity, upfront planning is necessary for security of energy supply to society into the future.

The RFI is intended to commence the Departmental preparatory work to develop plans for a future nuclear energy build programme. This is in line with the Integrated Resource Plan 2019 Decision 8 which states that the Department will "Commence preparations for a nuclear build programme at a pace and scale that the country can afford because it is a no-regret option in the long term".

This will enable the Department to gain insight into the cost of the programme, possible ownership structures, cost recovery, the end user cost and sustainability of the programme.

Respondents are requested to complete the acknowledgement form accessible on http://www.energy.gov.za/files/tenders/t_open.html and submit by email to rfinuclear@dmre.gov.za by the 15th of July 2020.

The RFI documents can be accessed on

http://www.energy.gov.za/files/tenders/t_open.html and returned by email to rfinuclear@dmre.gov.za and can also be posted or hand delivered to:

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Department of Mineral Resources and Energy

Private Bag x96

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Pretoria

Responses to the RFI must be submitted by no later than 15 September 2020 at 10h00.

All queries and requests for clarification in respect of this Request For Information must be emailed to rfinuclear@dmre.gov.za.

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