

South African Independent Power Producer Association (“SAIPPA”)
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The South African Independent Power Producer Association (“SAIPPA”) congratulates Minister Gwede Mantashe with his appointment as Minister of Minerals and Energy.

SAIPPA appreciates the massive challenges that Minister Mantashe, his deputy Minister Bavelile Hlongwa and the rest of their team face against the backdrop of a country in dire need of clear energy policy and a well thought through plan to transition to a lower carbon economy while creating meaningful jobs.

The task of navigating the country through a complex energy transition is not an easy one and would need careful planning but determined execution.

SAIPPA will collaborate with other energy associations and with government to advocate but also assist in the just transition to a lower carbon economy. SAIPPA believes that with due consultation between government, business, labour and civil society, we can reach agreement on the way forward to ensure we can implement policy to support the goals of the National Development Plan.

SAIPPA believes that the updated Integrated Resource Plan should be promulgated soon to ensure guidance in the roll out of a least cost electricity pathway. SAIPPA will support policy deviations that assist in managing the complex transition to a lower carbon future if it is well planned and concluded as part of an inclusive process.

Congratulations Minister! We are looking forward to support you in crafting a sustainable future for our country.

The goals of SAIPPA are to promote the collective interests of IPP's in South Africa, to assist with public policy formation and implementation, and to serve as a platform for information dissemination to its members. We seek broad industry reform resulting in competitively priced, reliable and readily available electricity in a regulatory environment that is transparent, certain and IPP friendly.

SAIPPA's members include large and small companies in the paper, chemical, food, cement and energy industries. Some of these companies in turn are the dominant players in their industries, and have some of the larger IPP coal, thermal and renewable generation assets in their portfolios. In addition, our membership includes service providers, consultants, energy lawyers, academics and project funding institutions.

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