



## GENERAL NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST BID WINDOW UNDER THE GAS TO POWER INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME (GASIPPPP BID WINDOW 1)

1. On 14 December 2023 the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (the Department) issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure 2000MW under the GASIPPPP Bid Window 1.
2. The RFP contemplates a clarification process, following its release to the market, for registered Bidders to raise clarification questions in respect of the RFP. The Department considers such clarification questions and provides responses to the registered Bidders and where appropriate issues Briefing Notes to amend the RFP.
3. The purpose of this Notice is to communicate that the Department is reviewing some of the provisions in the RFP which were raised by registered Bidders through the clarification process as contemplated in the RFP. In resolving these matters, the Department will have to consult with key Stakeholders. Work is underway to investigate and consider the matters raised through the clarification process, and where required, the Department will amend the RFP through the issuance of Briefing Notes. The Department is anticipating resolving these matters **by end of June 2024**.
4. The matters raised for consideration by the Department include, but are not limited to:
  - 4.1. The project-on-project risk that arises as a consequence of the requirement for Bidders wishing to submit bid responses for Facilities located within the borders of the City of uMhlathuze, wherein the RFP requires them to secure their Fuel through the natural gas storage and regasification terminal procured by Transnet National Ports Authority;
  - 4.2. Legal Functionality Criteria in so far as it pertains to the requirement for Environmental Authorizations (EA);

- 4.3. The Load factor range, under the GASIPPPP, insofar as it relates to the Minimum Load Commitment and Maximum Load Commitment;
  - 4.4. The introduction of a Revised Minimum Load Commitment option as contemplated in the Power Purchase Agreement;
  - 4.5. The performance requirement for the frequency of the ramp ups and downs; and
  - 4.6. The gas pricing mechanism.
5. As part of this process the Department will also review the Timetable for the GASIPPPP, including consideration of the Bid Submission Date, and will issue a separate Briefing Note once it has completed its processes.

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