



**Media Statement**

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**RESPONSE TO ALLEGATIONS OF TENDER RIGGING AROUND RENEWABLE  
ENERGY IPPP PROGRAMME (REIPPPP) BID WINDOW 5**

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The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) has noted inaccurate and malicious reporting by Green Building Publication with regard to its Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) Bid Window 5 in recent weeks.

In articles published on 10 February 2022, and on 9, 15, 19 and recently 31 August 2022, Mr Bryan Groenendaal, in his capacity as Editor of the on-line Green Building Africa publication, has made baseless allegations regarding the outcome of the REIPPPP Bid Window 5 tender process. In particular, Mr Groenendaal has alleged that the outcome of REIPPPP BW 5 was rigged.

The Department and the IPP Office strongly refute with the contempt it deserves the allegations and statements published by Mr Groenendaal, and takes the allegations raised very seriously.

The Department has on previous enquiries by Mr Groenendaal advised that he reports such alleged irregularities to the law enforcement agencies, as this is the appropriate step to be taken in terms of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act 12 of 2004.

The Department would like to assure investors and the public at large that the IPP procurement process is concluded strictly in line with applicable procurement rules and the Constitutional principles applicable to public procurement, being Fairness, Openness, Transparency, Competitiveness and Cost-Effectiveness.

## **Background to the REIPPPP Bid Window 5**

The 5th Bid Window under the Renewable Energy IPP Procurement Programme (REIPPPP BW 5) was launched on 12 April 2021. The 25 Preferred Bidders announced by the Department on the 28th October 2021 were appointed as an outcome of the above procurement process conducted in accordance with the Constitutional principles. The total new contracted capacity will be 2583 MW, of which 1608 MW will be procured from 12 Wind projects, and 975 MW from 13 Solar PV projects. These projects are expected to attract over R50 billion in investment and will create around 14 000 new jobs during construction and operations of the renewable power plants. The projects are expected to reach commercial operation within 24 months from commercial close.

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