



MEDIA STATEMENT

EXTENSION OF THE BID SUBMISSION DATE OF THE SEVENTH BID WINDOW UNDER THE RENEWABLE ENERGY INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME (REIPPPP BID WINDOW 7)

27 May 2024

1. On 14 December 2023 the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (the Department) issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure 5000 MW under the REIPPPP Bid Window 7.
2. Bidders are requested to take note of the extension of the Bid Submission Date from 30 May 2024 to 15 August 2024.
3. The updated timelines are set out in the table below.

Milestone	Original Timeline	First Revised Timeline	Second Revised Timeline
Issue of RFP	31 January 2024	N/A	N/A
Bidders' Conference	4 (four) to 6 (six) weeks following the release of the RFP. The exact date will be communicated on the REIPP Website.	Completed 17 January 2024	Completed 17 January 2024
Last date for Bidders to apply to Eskom for a CEL (90 days prior to Bid Submission date)	31 January 2024	15 February 2024	Completed 15 February 2024
Last date for Bidders to submit written questions to the Department, in terms of clause Error! Reference source not found. (Requests for clarification on the RFP and responses to requests) of this Part A	30 (thirty) business days prior to the Seventh Bid Submission Date	30 (thirty) business days prior to the Seventh Bid Submission Date	Completed 16 April 2024

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Bid Registration Date (i.e. last date for compulsory Bid Registration, including payment of Bid Registration Fee (as per clause 11 (<i>Compulsory Bid Registration</i>) of this Part A)	20 (twenty) business days prior to the Seventh Bid Submission Date	20 (twenty) business days prior to the Seventh Bid Submission Date	Completed 29 April 2024
Bid Submission Date for the Seventh Bid Submission Phase	30 April 2024	30 May 2024	15 August 2024
Announcement of Preferred Bidders	Approximately 3 (three) months post the Seventh Bid Submission Date	Approximately 3 (three) months post the Seventh Bid Submission Date	Approximately 3 (three) months post the Seventh Bid Submission Date
Last date for Preferred Bidders to apply to Eskom / NTC for a budget quotation	Within 1 (one) month of Preferred Bidder announcement	Within 1 (one) month of Preferred Bidder announcement	Within 1 (one) month of Preferred Bidder announcement
Commercial Close	Approximately 6 (six) months post Preferred Bidder announcement	Approximately 6 (six) months post Preferred Bidder announcement	Approximately 8 (eight) months post Preferred Bidder announcement
Financial Close	Long stop date of 1 (one) month post Commercial Close	Long stop date of 1 (one) month post Commercial Close	Long stop date of 1 (one) month post Commercial Close
Scheduled Commercial Operation Date	Long stop date of 24 (twenty-four) months post Commercial Close	Long stop date of 24 (twenty-four) months post Commercial Close	Long stop date of 24 (twenty-four) months post Commercial Close

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