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To: Honourable Minister Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa Letter
Department of Electricity and Energy Republic
of South Africa

Subject: Business Endorsement of the RE100-NBI South Africa Policy Recommendations for Renewable Electricity

Honourable Minister Ramokgopa

The advancement of South Africa's power sector is a critical national priority. In particular, the rapid ramp up of renewable energy is paramount for energy security, economic growth and competitiveness, local industrialisation and achieving the country's climate goals. We would like to share with you the policy recommendations for advancing the growth and uptake of renewable energy in South Africa, borne out of a multi-stakeholder process we have undertaken to understand the key issues that will need to be considered in unlocking the significant positive impact of greater uptake of renewable energy.

We acknowledge that significant progress has already been made, notably through the work of the National Energy Crisis Committee (NECOM) and associated Energy Action Plan; the gazetting of the Electricity Regulation Amendment Act; and approval of the South African Renewable Energy Masterplan (SAREM). The implementation of the South African Wholesale Electricity Market (SAWEM), the Transmission Development Plan (TDP) and the Just Energy Transition Investment Plan (JET IP) also bode well for future efforts. We welcome the targets for renewable energy in the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2025 and the drive to rollout 30 GW of renewable energy by 2030. However, full implementation of these plans and further reforms are still required to achieve South Africa's socio-economic and environmental ambitions.

The private sector is the leading consumer of electricity in the country, with over 100 RE100 member companies with operations in South Africa, having set a target to use 100% renewable-energy based electricity by 2030 – 2050 at the latest and over 50% of National Business Initiative (NBI) member companies with net-zero targets by 2050. A recent poll surveying 104 South African businesses across multiple economic sectors with annual turnovers of between USD 1 million – USD 1 billion, found that 95% of business executives in South Africa think that government should transition away from fossil fuels to a renewable energy-based electricity system. Furthermore, 80% of senior executives indicated they would rather the government prioritise renewable electricity investments over new fossil fuel financing. Large multinationals and domestic companies are ready to invest in the country's energy transition.

To support the advancement of the power sector, crowd in investment, reduce system costs, enhance access to renewable electricity, and enable the electricity sector to play a leading role in green economic growth in South Africa, we the undersigned businesses, provinces, cities, statutory bodies and industry leaders therefore endorse the [RE100-NBI South Africa policy recommendations for renewable electricity](#):

1. Accelerate electricity market reform to enable competitive renewables procurement
2. Strengthen integrated planning and renewable energy-based electricity targets to guide investment

3. Enable and scale direct corporate procurement through wheeling and standardised Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)
4. Fast-track the roll-out of transmission infrastructure and grid connections, and streamline project approvals for faster renewables deployment
5. Expand voluntary green power options

These recommendations, which have been developed in consultation with key stakeholders from the private sector, cities, provinces, technical experts, statutory and industry bodies as well as key national policymakers, offer a practical roadmap to unlock investment, streamline regulatory processes, enable municipal procurement and wheeling, strengthen grid infrastructure, and ensure a just and inclusive energy transition.

The businesses endorsing this letter **employ over 200,000 people** in South Africa, contribute **more than R100 billion to Gross Domestic Product** and **consume 3,584.93 GWh** (3.5 TWh) of electricity. We remain committed to working in partnership with the Department of Electricity and Energy in South Africa to support the successful implementation of these recommendations and respectfully submit this letter of endorsement for your consideration.

We would be delighted to discuss these recommendations and how our network can support implementation further, if it is of interest. We look forward to ongoing collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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