



MEDIA STATEMENT

EXTENSION OF THE BID SUBMISSION DATE OF THE SECOND BID WINDOW UNDER THE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME (BESIPPPP BID WINDOW 2)

30 May 2024

1. On 14 December 2023 the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (the Department) issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure 615 MW under the BESIPPPP Bid Window 2.
2. Subsequently the Department has received requests from a substantial number of registered Bidders to extend the Bid Submission Date to enable the issuing of Environmental Authorizations (EAs) by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE).
3. The Department has considered the request and confirms the extension of the Bid Submission Date from 6 June 2024 to 29 August 2024.
4. The updated programme timelines are set out in the table below.

Milestone	Original Timeline	First Revised Timeline	Second Revised Timeline
Issue of RFP	14 December 2023	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 BESIPPPP 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	N/A	N/A
Last date for Bidders to submit written questions to the Department, in terms of clause 27.3 (<i>Requests for clarification on</i>	30 (thirty) business days prior to the Second Bid Submission Date	N/A	Completed 24 April 2024

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<i>the RFP and responses to requests</i>) of this Part A			
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 Second Bid Submission Date	20 (twenty) business days prior to the Second Bid Submission Date	Completed 08 May 2024
Bid Submission Date for the Second Bid Submission Phase	30 April 2024	06 June 2024	29 August 2024
Announcement of Preferred Bidders	Approximately 3 (three) months post the Second Bid Submission Date	Approximately 3 (three) months post the Second Bid Submission Date	Approximately 3 (three) months post the Second 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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