

THE KINGDOM OF ESWATINI
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY



PRESS RELEASE

INFORMATION GATHERING EXERCISE FOR POWER GENERATION PROJECTS

The Eswatini Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy (the “Ministry”) invites parties who may be interested in developing new electricity generation projects within Eswatini to respond with information on their proposed projects.

A copy of the Information Gathering Exercise (IGE) document is available for download from the Ministry website: (<http://www.gov.sz/index.php/departments-sp-623334762/energy>).

The IGE will allow the Ministry to gather information from potential developers on all energy projects that they consider to be feasible, viable and in the interest of Eswatini. The outcome of this IGE process will be used to help inform the Ministry on future sector policy enhancement and planning.

Interested parties will be aware that, on 25 July 2018, the Honourable Minister of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Energy announced a new energy policy for Eswatini, including the Ministry’s intention to introduce the procurement of private generation capacity by independent power producers (or “IPPs”). Further, on 25 October 2018, the Ministry launched its Integrated Resource Masterplan (the “MasterPlan”), including its Short-term Generation Expansion Plan (“SGEP”) for the energy sector. The MasterPlan and SGEP have been developed by the Ministry, in consultation with key stakeholders, to provide a roadmap of the new generation capacity to be developed in the country, providing clarity on the technologies, capacities and timing of the new generation capacity to be connected to the national grid.

More information on the background of the Eswatini energy sector and details of the new energy policy, including a copy of the Honourable Minister’s July statement and the Principal Secretary’s October statement are provided in the IGE document.

Interested parties are requested to respond to the IGE by completing the response forms provided in the IGE document. The Ministry requests that IGE responses are submitted no later than **5:00pm (CAT) on 13 December, 2018**.

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All parties should note that the IGE is not intended to be, and should not be considered to be, the start of a procurement process and does not in any way constitute any form of shortlisting, pre-qualification or any other form of selection for purposes of procurement for new generation capacity.

The Ministry wishes to thank all respondents in advance for their responses and feedback and for assisting them in its fulfilment of its policy and planning mandate.

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