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and
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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
BOTSWANA**

ONCOOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Botswana , (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as a “Party”);

MINDFUL that both countries are party to the Protocol on Energy of the Southern African Development Community (SADC);

CONSIDERING that bilateral cooperation in the field of energy shall be of mutual social, economic and environmental benefit to both countries;

BELIEVING that such cooperation shall promote further development of the existing friendly relations between both countries;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1
COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be –

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Energy; and
- (b) in the case of the Republic of Botswana, the Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources.

ARTICLE 2

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to promote cooperation in the field of energy between the Parties on the basis of equality and mutual advantage, taking into account both Parties' experience and the possibilities of cooperation between both countries.

ARTICLE 3

SCOPE AND COOPERATION

- (1) The Parties shall promote cooperation in the fields of hydrocarbons, electricity, clean coal technologies, renewable energy and energy efficiency through—
 - (a) the exchange of information regarding their respective—
 - (i) coal and electricity policies;
 - (ii) clean coal technologies;
 - (iii) institutional agreements;
 - (iv) government programmes on coal commercialisation, coal distribution and market potential of coal derivatives;
 - (v) commercialisation of electricity technology; and
 - (vi) poverty alleviation and sustainable development in the electricity and renewable energy sectors.
 - (b) technology transfer, research and development and the establishment of databases;
 - (c) the identification and development of joint projects with the Parties as well as with third parties in the areas of—
 - (i) coal exploitation;
 - (ii) exploitation and use of coal bed methane;
 - (iii) refining and processing of natural gas;
 - (iv) storage, marketing, transport and distribution of coal derivatives;

- (v) construction and maintenance of coal infrastructure and application of coal technology;
 - (vi) construction and maintenance of petroleum infrastructure;
 - (vii) new and renewable energy;
 - (viii) energy efficiency;
 - (ix) clean coal technologies;
 - (x) electricity generation, transmission, distribution and supply;
 - (xi) urban and rural electrification;
 - (xii) power pooling and trading in electricity; and
 - (xiii) any other energy-related matters of mutual benefit to the Parties.
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- (d) the promotion of specialised training courses in the energy sector from both countries; and assistance, as far as possible, with travel arrangements and formalities for experts travelling under this Agreement;
 - (e) the promotion of collaboration between the Parties' State-owned enterprises, as well as approval and support for the creation of partnerships in the various areas of the energy sector;
 - (f) the promotion of joint projects by concerned organisations of the Parties on the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of energy-related infrastructure and on the implementation of energy policies;
 - (g) the exchange of visits and programmes for policy makers and technical experts responsible for the implementation of energy policies;
 - (h) the joint participation in workshops, conferences and exhibitions aimed at attracting investment in the energy sector of both countries; and
 - (i) the cooperation and assistance in the development of laws, regulations, policies and programmes on electricity, renewable energy, energy efficiency, coal, oil and gas including the exchange of experience in the organisation, establishment and operation of regulatory and management agencies.