

Welcoming remarks at SAIPPA Members Breakfast Event  
at Country Club Johannesburg, Woodmead; 17 March 2015

Programme Director

Members of SAIPPA – both old and especially new members

Our guests who are very much welcome

Government representatives

Members of the media fraternal

Ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of SAIPPA – a fast growing business formation - let me welcome all of you to this special event – a breakfast session – which was supposed to be for our members only but later on decided to extend it to the rest of practitioners in the IPP industry.

SAIPPA has and will still run a number of breakfast sessions every year to empower members about topical issues that are of interest to the IPP community.

Our programme today is quite packed and fairly rich in that we are celebrating a biogas project – located in Bronkhorstspruit - that displays advancement in the clean energy, we have Mrs Rohrs to share IPP experiences o sale of electricity, later we shall have a briefing from the Presidency on the government's efforts on current electricity crisis, and lastly we shall be addressing establishment of an IPP Platform as proposed by SAIPPA.

Let me quick to highlight that the last two items will be confined to selected participants only. However a press statement will be released to share the outcome of the deliberations.

SAIPPA is intent to contribute to the best of its ability to advance the industry of independent power production. Undeniably there are challenges the best the industry that is access to grid network, wheeling, all of which are being addressed with relevant government authorities. I must say what is encouraging is the willingness of government to work together with us to find solutions to such challenges.

Undoubtedly cooperation with peer organisations has been also inspiring as we are working together in engaging on such challenging matters. I therefore make a clarion call to those who have not joined hands with us to do so. We commit to humble ourselves and work together with all and sundry for the betterment of the IPP industry. I also trust such will genuinely include empowerment of emerging Black-owned IPP's who may be finding it hard to enter the industry meaningfully. Special reference is made to the youth, women and those living with disabilities. This will be in line with the government's policies and programmes in any case.

Just as reminder SAIPPA is to promote the collective interests of IPP's in South

Africa, to assist with public policy formation and implementation, and to serve as a platform for information dissemination to its members

SAIPPA represents a broad range of IPP's and is not focused on specific technology types. We currently work closely with other industry associations such as SAREC, SAWEA, SAPVIA, SASTELA, PAMSA, the EIUG, SASA and others. However SAIPPA is determined to work with even those formations not mentioned above.

Many of the renewable energy technologies are represented by the above mentioned industry associations. Therefore, whilst we do work with these associations, SAIPPA currently focuses more closely on thermal, cogeneration, waste to energy, hydro power and related industry sectors.

We seek to pro-actively engage with legislators, government officials, planners and regulators as part of our initiatives to achieve energy security in South Africa, as well as Southern Africa.

SAIPPA also aims to achieve its objectives through the sharing of ideas for international best practice, and advocacy, but primarily through its participation on special technical task teams established from time to time by key stakeholders in the Energy Supply Industry.

SAIPPA believes that any changes contemplated by Government, and other role players in the Electricity Supply Industry, must seek to achieve, inter alia, the following key objectives:

- ✓ An enabling environment for IPP's to realise generation of electricity in keeping with current policy of providing 30% of national power,
- ✓ The establishment of open access to the grid for IPPs,
- ✓ The creation of enabling legislation and regulatory to facilitate competitive independent power generation as well as related aspects.

SAIPPA is committed to playing a meaningful role in all electricity supply industry developments and has established its credibility as a constructive facilitator of independent power production with the Department of Energy, the National Electricity Regulator and with ESKOM.

Let me thank all those who made this event a success it is now – it was worth the effort.

Let thank all those who attended – you will definitely concur in due course it was worth the attendance.

Ladies and gentlemen, bakithi, please enjoy the rest of the day and make it as productive as is possible and worthwhile.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO JOIN SAIPPA FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET DONE SO.

Enkosi,

Namaste

Baie Dankie

Shukraan

Kea leboga

Thank you for your attention