

To: The Honourable President Cyril Ramaphosa

Dear President Ramaphosa

Re: Appeal for urgent action - additional electricity generation capacity

Given the ongoing human suffering and costs to the economy due to loadshedding, and the clear responsibility of the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy “to ensure the continued uninterrupted supply of electricity” as specified in Section 34 of the Electricity Regulation Act (ERA), we believe that this minister should be instructed to immediately issue a determination in terms of Section 34 of ERA.

We have asked Minister Mantashe to act, but to date, have had neither an acknowledgement nor a response, which is why we are appealing to you now. In that letter to the Minister (attached) we listed the reasons why we wanted him to issue a determination, and also the amount of renewable and storage capacity that should be included, which is in line with the amounts indicated in the Integrated Resource Plan for Electricity of 2019.

We urge you to consider the additional benefits to local manufacturing and jobs such a determination could make, by creating confidence in future demand for the construction of renewable energy capacity.

We can see no reason to delay such a determination, and ask that you instruct Minister Mantashe to issue it without delay. Given the urgency of the electricity crisis, we ask that you respond to us within 10 days, by 29 July.

Yours sincerely,

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