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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
GHANA**

ON COOPERATION

IN THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY

PREAMBLE

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

MINDFUL of the Protocol on Energy of the African Union (AU);

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

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

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

ARTICLE 1 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “this MoU”) is to promote cooperation in the field of electricity between the Parties on the basis of mutual advantage, taking into account experiences and specialities of both Parties.

ARTICLE 2 SCOPE OF COOPERATION

- (1) The Parties shall promote cooperation in the fields of all forms of fossil based energy, renewable energy, electricity and energy efficiency and conservation through-
 - (a) the exchange of information regarding their respective electricity policies, institutional agreements, regulatory frameworks, government programmes on the commercialisation, distribution

- and market potential of oil derivatives and commercialisation of electricity technology;
- (b) technology transfer, research and development cooperation and the establishment of databases;
 - (c) the identification and development of joint projects between the Parties and third parties in the areas of-
 - (i) power generation;
 - (ii) construction and maintenance of electricity infrastructure;
 - (iii) renewable energy; and
 - (iv) energy efficiency and conservation.
 - (d) the exchange of visits by policymakers and technical experts responsible for the development and implementation of national electricity policies;
 - (e) the promotion of specialised training courses in the electricity industry for experts from both Parties and assistance, as far as possible, with travel arrangements and formalities for trainees travelling under this MoU;
 - (f) the promotion of collaboration between state electricity companies, as well as approval and support for the creation of partnerships in the various areas of the electricity industry between electricity companies from both Parties for the harmonious transfer of expertise;
 - (g) joint participation in workshops, conferences and exhibitions aimed at attracting investment in the electricity industry of both Parties;
 - (h) all forms of cooperation relative to energy as established by the Parties at any time;
 - (i) the development of cooperative projects in the fields of:-
 - (i) electricity generation;
 - (ii) electricity transmission;
 - (ii) electricity distribution;
 - (iii) electricity industry restructuring;
 - (iv) independent power producers;
 - (v) urban and rural electrification;

- (vi) power pooling and trading in electricity;
 - (vii) human resource development in the electricity sector;
 - (viii) research and development;
 - (ix) trading in the power sector;
 - (x) poverty alleviation and sustainable development in the electricity and renewable energy sectors;
 - (xi) the promotion and use of new and renewable energy; and
 - (xii) energy efficiency.
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- (j) the promotion of joint projects by concerned organisations of the Parties on the erection, operation and maintenance of electricity infrastructure and on the implementation of electricity policies;
 - (k) the exchange of visits and programmes for policy makers and technical experts responsible for the implementation of electricity policies;
 - (l) the training and development of specialists in the electricity sector of both Parties inter alia through seminars and specialist courses;
 - (m) the joint participation in workshops, conferences, and exhibitions aimed at attracting investment in the electricity sector of both Parties; and
 - (n) the cooperation and assistance in the development of laws, regulations and policies on the electricity sectors;
 - (o) the exchange of experience in the organisation and establishment of regulatory and management agencies in the electricity sectors; and
 - (p) cooperation and exchange of expertise in Consultancy Services and Demand Side Management programmes.
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- (2) The terms and conditions of each programme or project undertaken under this MoU, as part of the cooperation shall be agreed to by the Parties in separate arrangements.