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Dear Honourable Minister Jeff Radebe

REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH GREENPEACE AFRICA REGARDING SA'S ENERGY FUTURE

Greenpeace Africa is an independent environmental campaigning organization with a vision of 'an Africa where people live in harmony with nature in a peaceful state of environmental and social justice'. Our mission is to work with others to foster environmental consciousness whereby Africa's people seek social and economic prosperity in ways that protect the environment for the benefit of humans, the planet and the future. In South Africa, we campaign for a just transition away from coal and nuclear power, towards renewable energy and energy efficiency. We do not accept any money from government or corporations, and environmental and social justice is at the core of our work.

As a civil society organisation, and citizens, working towards the achievement of environmental and social rights, and environmental and energy justice in our communities across South Africa, Greenpeace Africa would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment as Energy Minister. We believe that the Energy ministry is of critical importance in the food-energy-water nexus, and in determining the energy future of our country.

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When you became the new Minister of Energy, South Africa was in the midst of a potentially devastating fiscal crisis at Eskom and a national water crisis across three provinces. As a water scarce country facing potentially catastrophic climate change, it seems clear that water should be at the core of decision-making, and is a key development constraint. At the same time, an update of the country's energy and electricity plans (the Integrated Energy Plan (IEP) and the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)) is pending. We believe that the importance of the integrity of this process cannot be understated, and would like to request a meeting with you to discuss the importance of the IEP/IRP and the energy trajectory of the country.

We believe that a meeting would allow us to try to find common ground and shared priorities, at a time when the energy sector is a significant contributor to climate change.

We believe that the current IEP/IRP process has had substantial flaws, and that a less-than-adequate IEP/IRP will not provide South Africa with least-cost electricity, will not promote social and environmental justice, and will not enable South Africa to meet its international climate change obligations. We believe that these issues are urgent, and require a robust dialogue. We would therefore request a meeting with you at your earliest convenience, and would request that you please propose possible meeting dates in March or April.

We await your response to this letter, and would request such response by 21 March 2018.

Yours Sincerely

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