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HOLDING MEDIA STATEMENT

POSTPONEMENT OF BID SUBMISSION DATE FOR BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE IPP PROCUREMENT PROGRAMME (BESIPPPP) BID WINDOW 3

09 MAY 2024

The Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (the DMRE) announces the extension of Bid Submission Date and the revised timeline allocated for Preferred Bidders to achieve Commercial Close for the BESIPPPP Bid Window 3.

The new procurement timelines are as follows:

Milestone	Anticipated Timeline	Revised Timeline
Issue of RFP	28 March 2024	N/A
Bidders' Conference	4 (four) to 6 (six) weeks following the release of the RFP. The exact date will be communicated on the Energy Storage Website.	N/A
Last date for Bidders to apply to Eskom for a Procurement Programme specific cost estimate letter ("CEL")	30 April 2024	30 May 2024
Last date for Bidders to submit written questions in terms of clause 27.3 (<i>Requests for clarification on the RFP and responses to requests</i>) of this Part A	30 (thirty) business days prior to the third Energy Storage Bid Submission Date	N/A
Last date for compulsory Bid Registration, including payment of Bid Registration Fee (as per clause 11	20 (twenty) business days prior to the third Energy Storage Bid Submission Date	N/A

Milestone	Anticipated Timeline	Revised Timeline
<i>(Compulsory Bid Registration)</i> of this Part A)		
Bid Submission Date	31 July 2024	31 October 2024
Announcement of Preferred Bidders	Approximately 3 (three) months post the third Energy Storage Bid Submission Date	N/A
Last date for Bidders to apply for a Budget Quote ("BQ")	Within 1 month of Preferred Bidder announcement	N/A
Commercial Close	Approximately 6 (six) months post Preferred Bidder announcement	Approximately 8 (eight) months post Preferred Bidder announcement
Financial Close	Long stop date of 1 (one) month post Commercial Close	N/A
Scheduled Commercial Operation Date	Long stop date of 24 (twenty-four) months post Commercial Close	N/A

Potential bidders will be able to register bids on the IPP website at www.ipp-storage.co.za up until 20 (twenty) business days prior to the Third Bid Submission Date.

Further communication will be provided through the Department's IPP Office.

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