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ENERGY MINISTER ANNOUNCES SMALL PROJECT AND ART COMPETITION WINNERS

CAPE TOWN, October 4, 2015 – South African Minister of Energy, Ms Tina Joemat-Pettersson has announced ten (10) preferred bidders in the Small Projects Independent Power Producer Programme and winners of the RE-energising Africa Art Competition.

Making the announcement on the eve of the official opening of the South African International Renewable Energy Conference (SAIREC), Minister Joemat-Pettersson said:

“South Africa’s renewable programme is not only about electricity but, also broader empowerment. The contribution of these projects to the broader national development objectives, including economic development, social upliftment, job creation, broad based economic empowerment and development of small and women owned vendors, are a hallmark of the programme and it is these contributions that we are watching with pride. I am, therefore, delighted to use this platform to announce the preferred bidders in the Small Projects Independent Power Producers Programme, which looks to support local South African small and medium size entrepreneurs, and the RE-energising Africa Art Competition, which demonstrates, through the creative talents of our youth, the impact this programme has had on South Africa so far.”

The Small Projects Independent Power Producers Programme is for small projects (1MW – 5MW). The intention of this programme is to assist small

developers in gaining experience in project development as well as in raising the necessary funding for projects of this nature.

The ten preferred bidders, as announced by the Minister, are:

- Adams Solar PV Project (Pty) Ltd
- Bellatrix Solar PV Project
- Du Plessis Solar PV4
- Steynsrus PV2
- Heuningspruit PV1
- Steynsrus PV1
- Klaver Wind Farm
- Hopefield Community Wind Farm
- George Small Scale Biomass to Energy
- Busby Renewables (Biomass)

The RE-energising Africa Art Competition was launched by the Department of Energy to continue to promote renewable energy not just to schools but, to the community as a whole. The competition, aimed at primary school learners in areas where renewable energy projects have been established around the country, attracted 420 art pieces.

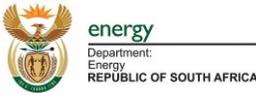
In each of the three age categories the winner will take home prizes of R100 000 for their school. The first, second and third-placed learners in each category will also receive cash prizes of R10 000, R7 000 and R3 500 respectively. Entries from a special-needs school were so outstanding that it was decided to award Karistis Special Needs School a R200 000 prize.

The announced winners are:

GRADE 1-3

1ST - Thomas Orchard

2ND - Alzonia Pule



3RD - Jeanne-Re Karsten

GRADE 4-5

1ST - Leigchen Adams

2ND - Jean-Mari Orchard

3RD - Luzandro Klaase

GRADE 6-7

1ST - Tiren Mzalwana

2ND - Phello Mokobe

3RD - JuneBe du Preez

Special Achievement Award

Nazeem Ruiters

To date, South Africa's Renewable Energy International Power Producer Programme has seen:

- 48 percent of IPP construction spend being procured from local suppliers;
- 47 percent of IPP ownership has been placed in the hands of South African citizens;
- 29 of the 47 percent has being placed in the hands of black South Africans
- Over 19 000 job hours created during construction and more opportunities created as the programme continues; and
- R19.1 billion committed to socio-economic development initiatives

The Department of Energy is hosting SAIREC 2015 in conjunction with the South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI) and the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21) with support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



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