

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**  
**OF THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE**  
**UNITED STATES - SOUTH AFRICA BINATIONAL COMMISSION**

Whereas, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of South Africa established the United States-South Africa Binational Commission on March 1, 1995; and

Whereas, the Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs of the Republic of South Africa, referred to as the Participants, intend to facilitate cooperation in energy development, as follows:

Establishment of the Sustainable Energy Development Committee

- I. The Participants hereby establish the Sustainable Energy Development Committee of the United States-South Africa Binational Commission, referred to as the Committee. The Committee will be co-chaired by the Secretary of Energy of the United States and the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs of the Republic of South Africa. The Committee will work on the basis of mutual agreement and adopt rules of procedure and work programs, as appropriate.
- II. The membership of the Committee will consist of senior officials from appropriate departments and entities of the governments of the United States and South Africa. The Committee will meet regularly as mutually agreed by the Participants. Meetings will be held alternately in the United States and in South Africa.
- III. As needed, the Committee will form ad hoc working groups to consider and report on specific activities. The Committee will determine the assignments of such working groups, which will conduct their work in accordance with these Terms of Reference.

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- IV. The Committee will facilitate the exchange of information and encourage bilateral discussions in order to provide advice and guidance to the Participants in the following areas:
  - A. Development and implementation of policies and programs relating to energy exploration, development, generation, transmission, distribution, use and management;

- B. Development of secure supplies of energy resources that are economically competitive and environmentally acceptable, on a mutually beneficial basis;
- C. Examination and implementation of activities required to develop a sustainable energy strategy for South Africa, including the development of infrastructure, as necessary to facilitate the efficient use of energy resources and the use of renewable energy resources and fossil energy technology;
- D. Development of technology programs, including applied research and development and the promotion of a dialogue concerning current and future energy technology development in the United States, South Africa, the African continent, and the world, as appropriate;
- E. Assistance in capacity building through energy-related training, development and transfer of skills and technology to support human resources development, policy development and institutional infrastructure, including the promotion of joint government-industry activities and faculty and student exchanges;
- F. Establishing and facilitating cooperative activities in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy research, development and commercialization; fossil fuel technologies (including gas); clean coal and coal-bed methane recovery and utilization technologies; and energy technologies that enhance the environment, particularly technologies that mitigate the effects of greenhouse gases;
- G. Facilitating the exchange of information and assessments on energy demand and supply forecasts and bilateral development of energy information systems; and
- H. Promotion of private sector energy technology transfers between companies in the United States of America and in the Republic of South Africa.

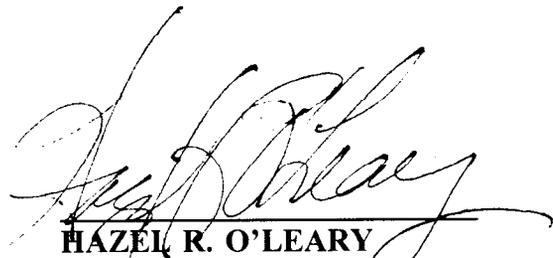
#### General Provisions

- V. All costs associated with participation in the Committee will be borne by the Participant that incurs them, unless otherwise agreed by the Participants.
- VI. Activities under the Terms of Reference will be subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to the laws and regulations of the United States of America and the Republic of South Africa.

VII. The Participants may revise these Terms of Reference at any time, in writing.

Signed, in duplicate, at Pretoria, Republic of South Africa, this 25th day of August, 1995.

**FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
OF THE  
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SECRETARY OF ENERGY**

**FOR THE  
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