

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Provincial Governments mirror the national government, with responsibility and oversight for implementing the RDP goals in their province, and overall policy setting responsibility for local governments;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Governments have identified the following areas as benefitting from regional cooperation in energy:

- electrification of small villages through wind, photovoltaics, diesel, hybrid systems.
- water supply and desalination of brackish water for scattered households and small communities.
- thermally efficient low cost housing.
- solar home systems;

WHEREAS, cooperation in energy will promote enhanced quality of life through increased opportunities for economic interaction, technology transfer, and international trade and that of mutual benefit to the entire inter-provincial area;

WHEREAS, the U.S./ South Africa Binational Commission Sustainable Energy Committee has among its priorities facilitating energy development in the provinces and a cooperative agreement among contiguous provinces will accelerate the Committee's assistance and focus;

WHEREAS, a program of cooperation in energy would be of mutual benefit to the Participants;

THE PARTICIPANTS declare their intention to cooperate in a manner which will facilitate joint activities related to energy development in an environmentally and economically sound way.

This memorandum constitutes the entire agreement reached between the parties.

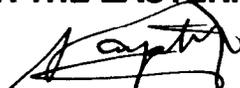
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