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**WWF petitions Eskom to stop blocking the completion of the REIPPP Programme.**

The current energy system in South Africa poses many challenges that threaten our ability to meet our developmental goals.

The bulk of South Africa's carbon emissions come from fossil fuel-generated electricity, and like most countries in the world, South Africa needs to urgently address this by bringing more renewable energy into the country's electricity mix.

We need 100% of our electricity to come from renewable energy.

The CSIR has already demonstrated that a 83% renewable energy mix by 2050 is not only feasible, but it is also the least costly option. Not only can renewable energy be put in place faster than coal, nuclear or gas, it can provide cheaper electricity and is cleaner than all other options.

The Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme is South Africa's plan to bring more renewable energy to the energy grid. It has been hailed globally and locally as one of the most advanced and successful programmes. It has and continues to generate many benefits such as:

- attracting foreign direct investment,
- creating much-needed, decent jobs in new industries,
- increasing skills which can be used locally and internationally, reducing carbon emissions, and
- giving South Africa the opportunity to become a global player in this growing industry.

Eskom is obligated to sign the rest of the contracts at the agreed price points. Refusing to sign puts the entire programme at risk.

We know that Eskom has the power to unblock this hold-up, and thus enable all the socio-economic and environmental benefits that would result from the programme. We ask that Eskom exercises this power.

Use your power. Tell Eskom to say yes to renewable energy by [signing the petition](#) today.