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Adv. Nomalanga Sithole was appointed as Chief Executive Officer and Full-Time Regulator Member of NERSA, with effect from 25 August 2021.

Adv. Sithole holds B Proc and LLB degrees from the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (Wits), a Diploma in Company Direction from the Graduate Institute of Management and Technology (GIMT), as well as various certificates in management, electricity and gas short courses. She further completed a fellowship admission course to the Association of Arbitrators of Southern Africa, as well as Practical Project Management (PPM) with the University of South Africa (UNISA).

She has extensive experience in the energy sector from a legal, governance and restructuring perspective. Additionally, she has vast experience in corporate governance, having served as a board secretary, and has been instrumental in setting up board structures, divisions and departments at NERSA.

She has 24 years of experience in energy regulation, having been employed by the then National Electricity Regulator (NER) that regulated the electricity industry, which was transformed in 2005 into the National Energy Regulator of South Africa that regulates the electricity, piped-gas and petroleum pipelines industries. She has held various positions at NERSA, which include, among others, Board Secretary, Legal Advisor, Head of the Licensing & Legal Services Department, Board Secretariat in the Office of the General Counsel, as well as Executive Manager: Corporate Services.

She currently serves as a member (councillor) of the Government Sector Security Council (GSSC), which is a component of the Government Security Regulator Crime Intelligence and Protection Services.