

Mr Smunda Mokoena, Chairperson, National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), Pretoria, South Africa

Mr Smunda Mokoena, Executive Director (Consultant) of Best Infrastructure and Investments CC (*Bi*) and Service Delivery Solutions (Pty) Ltd (SDS), has more than 32 years' experience in the mining and energy industries. He currently provides consulting and advisory services in the mining, energy and utility industries.

He spent over 14 years in the public sector where he was involved in infrastructure development, policy making and economic regulation. During his tenure as Deputy Director-General (DDG): Energy at the then Department of Minerals and Energy (DME) (1999-2001), he served as Non-Executive Director on the Boards of CEF, NECSA, iGas and Süd Chemie Zeolites (Chairperson).

Mr Mokoena's many other senior roles included Deputy Chief Inspector of Mines (1996-1998) at DME, DDG responsible for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (2001-4) in the Presidency, CEO of the National Electricity Regulator (NER) and National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) (2004-11).

Before joining the public sector in 1996, Mr Mokoena spent nearly ten years with the Anglo-American Corporation as an engineer, mainly in the gold mines and head office.

Mr Mokoena served as Non-Executive Director of PetroSA (2013-15), as a Member of the South African Deputy President's Advisory Panel on Eskom Turn Around Strategy and Electricity Industry (2015-16 and as a Non-Executive Member and Chairperson of the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) (2014-2018).

Mr Mokoena also recently served as the Non-Executive Member and Deputy Chairperson of the Minerals and Petroleum Board ("the Board") as well the Chairperson of the Board's Mining Sustainability and Employment Committee (MSEC) (2015-2019). He was also appointed as Member and Chairperson of the National Public Transport Regulator (NPTR) (2020 – 2023).

Mr Mokoena currently serves as a Non-Executive Member of the Board of the Council for Geoscience (CGS) (2020 -2023), and as a Part-time Regulator Member (2020 – 2024) and recently appointed Chairperson of the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) (2021-2024).

Regulator Members:

Mr SS Mokoena (Chairperson) *Adv NP Sithole (Chief Executive Officer)
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