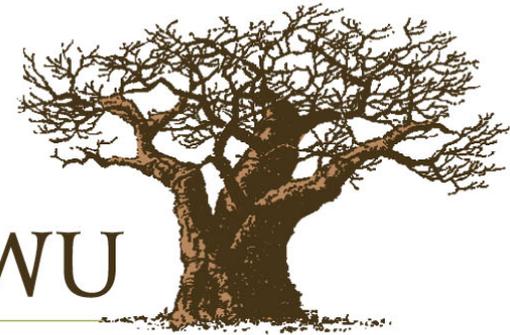




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NATIONAL

GENERAL

The Names of 25 preferred bidders announced under bid window 5 of the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REIPPPP) – Gwede Mantashe announced the names of the preferred bidders who are expected to supply 2583 MW of power generating assets over the next 36 months. The projects, with a combined investment value of roughly R 50 billion, have an impressive weighted average price of 47.3c/kWh.

Source: Engineering News dated 28 October 2021

<https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/mantashe-announces-round-five-renewables-bidders-ending-long-hiatus-2021-10-28>

Rubicon Group and Growthpoint Properties work together to reduce carbon emissions - Rubicon Group brought the first Tesla Model X Performance Edition all-electric sports utility vehicle (SUV) into the country. The vehicle relies on the local power grid to recharge. Growthpoint's 144 Oxford building has a 180 kW rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) plant installed, generating 20% of their power requirements. Charging the Rubicon's group's SUV using renewable energy has the best possible environmental outcome – zero carbon emissions. Growthpoint sustainability and utilities head Grahame Cruickshanks stated that, by ensuring that buildings such as 144 Oxford are future-proofed for charging stations, "Growthpoint is meeting the mounting demand for electric vehicle charging in South Africa"

Source: Engineering News dated 29 October 2021

https://www.engineeringnews.co.za/article/growthpoint-rubicon-stress-the-environmental-advantages-of-renewables-in-green-buildings-2021-10-29/rep_id:4136

Anglo American aims to reduce its Scope 3 emissions by 50% by 2040 – In its Climate Change report published in October, Anglo American set ambitious targets towards becoming carbon neutral. Mark Cutifani stated that "*Building upon our commitment to carbon neutrality across our operations by 2040, we have today set our ambition to reduce our Scope 3 emissions by 50%, also by 2040.*"

Source: Mining Weekly dated 29 October 2021

<https://www.miningweekly.com/article/anglo-american-sets-ambition-to-halve-scope-3-emissions-by-2040-2021-10-29>

Major High Court victory to address water challenges for Eastern Cape residents – Residents of Mquma Municipality Ward 28 secured a provisional court order against various levels of government including the Water and Sanitation Minister, Senzo Mchunu, to develop a plan for the delivery of "immediate water relief" to the residents of the rural villages in Centane by 22 October 2021. Naseegh Jaffer, director of the Masifundise Development trust, believed the legal victory was significant as it provided a precedent for other communities.

Source: News24 dated 14 October 2021

<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/local/mthathaexpress/court-orders-government-to-address-water-challenges-20211012>

PUBLICATIONS

SANEA Energy Risk Report 2021/22 – Recommendations for Decision Makers – posted 22 October 2021.

[SANEA Energy Risk Report 2021-2022.pdf \(ymaws.com\)](#)

Fiduciary Duties and Climate Change in the United States – A report by the Commonwealth Climate and Law Initiative dated October 2021.

<https://ccli.ubc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Fiduciary-duties-and-climate-change-in-the-United-States.pdf>

INTERNATIONAL

GENERAL

INEOS accelerating hydrogen development and awareness – Through its multi-faceted advertising campaign, hydrogen innovation bus tour and the exhibition of its hydrogen-powered car at the Glasgow COP26, INEOS says it has "doubled-down" on more than €2 billion investment in green hydrogen energy development. Sir Jim Ratcliffe, INEOS's founder and Chairman, said hydrogen is the "*dream fuel*", producing energy with only water as a by-product.

Source: Energy Digital dated 18 October 2021

https://energydigital.com/renewable-energy/ineos-launches-uk-hydrogen-campaign?utm_source=Newsletter+Energy+Digital&utm_campaign=fb7272d021-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_03_15_02_19_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_62ca18522a-fb7272d021-410773454&mc_cid=fb7272d021&mc_eid=0d7f102a26

General Motors (GM) in the USA on target to reach its goal of 100% renewable energy five years earlier than expected – GM, the automotive manufacturing company has recently taken steps to reach 100% renewables by 2025. This is in addition to their other goals such as reaching carbon neutrality by 2040 and introducing 30 electric vehicles in the next four years. Kristen Siemen, Chief Sustainability Officer at GM said, "*We know climate action is a priority and every company must push itself to decarbonize further and faster.*"

Source: Energy Digital dated 1 October 2021

<https://energydigital.com/renewable-energy/gm-brings-forward-its-target-100-renewable->

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The UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) establish a tool to safeguard environmental defenders – UNECE announced that a group of 46 countries across Europe have agreed to delegate the setting up of a new mechanism to protect Environmental activists marking an important step in upholding the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment.

Source: UN News dated 22 October 2021

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/10/1103792>

VACANCIES

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CONFERENCES AND OTHER EVENTS

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) – Glasgow 31 October – 12 November 2021

8th Sustainable Development Conference – Online 12 November 2021

The 6th International Conference on Renewable Energy and Conservation – Shenzhen, China 26 November 2021

The 5th International Conference on Power and Energy Engineering (ICPEE 2021) – Xiamen, China and Online, 2 December 2021

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The Environment and the economy are really both two sides of the same coin. If we cannot sustain the environment, we cannot sustain ourselves.

Wangari Maathai

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