

SA strikes deal to buy gas from Mozambique

Government has reached an agreement with Maputo that will see South Africa getting a supply of gas from Mozambique. This is according to Deputy President David Mabuza who said this while responding to questions at a sitting of the National Assembly late last week.



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“Discussions between our minister here of mineral resources [and energy] and Mozambique are quite advanced in terms of gas that we should transport from Mozambique to the country.

“I can safely say that we have reached an agreement,” he said.

Mabuza said alternative energy generation measures are being explored and implemented to augment electricity supply and improve the stability of the grid.



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New generation capacity

He told MPs that currently, 292 small-scale generators have registered with the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (Nersa) and have generation capacity of 187MW.

“The Independent Power Producers Office is processing offers by independent power producers for approval by Eskom and National Treasury.”

He said the DMRE minister has issued determinations on the required new generation capacity, in concurrence with the Nersa.

“The determinations made resulted in the procurement of more than 7,309MW from renewable and non-renewable energy.

“Most of these power plants are already in operation, with less than 400MW still under construction,” he said.

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