



MEDIA ADVISORY

DWS to host a briefing session on how to apply for Water Use Licence for hydropower generation

10 April 2023

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) will on Tuesday, 11 April 2023, hold a briefing session for Independent Power Producers, on how to apply for water use authorisations to utilise its water resources, water courses and infrastructure such as rivers and dams, to generate hydropower as an alternative energy to supplement the current available electricity.

The session seeks to provide interested applicants information about the DWS Hydropower Independent Producer Programme (DWS HIPP) and the application process.

The DWS has initiated the DWS HIPP in an effort to allow for the available infrastructure and water courses to be used to contribute to the power grid with renewable energy.

The Department is inviting interested persons to make use of its water resources, watercourses and infrastructure to generate renewable energy power. The types of hydropower technologies to apply for include Impoundment; river diversion or run-of-river; pumped storage and floating or kinetic turbines (small scale generating capacity). In addition to the above, applications for floating solar panels can also be made.

A window for interested parties to submit pre-applications for water use authorisations will open on 17 April 2023.

Members of the media are invited to the hybrid briefing session as follows:

Date : Tuesday, 11 April 2023

Time : 10h00

Venue : Protea Hotel OR Tambo in Ekurhuleni, Gauteng

For media confirmations on hybrid briefing session, please contact Sanku Tsunke on 066 299 2915 / tsunkes@dws.gov.za

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