

## **THE NUCLEAR RENAISSANCE AT WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA (29/01/2007)**

Dr Rob Adam, CEO of the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (Necsa) and Mr Jaco Kriek, CEO of the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR) today took the lead in announcing the launch of the Nuclear Industry Association of South Africa (NIASA) at the Irene Country Lodge near Pretoria. "Due to the Nuclear Renaissance in South Africa and the world, it has become important to create an umbrella body to interact with Government and other key stakeholders on behalf of the Nuclear Industry," said Adam.

This resurgence of the Nuclear Industry has resulted in plans for a new nuclear build by Eskom, the development of the Generation IV nuclear technology by PBMR, studies on the Nuclear Fuel Cycle by Necsa as a result of the Minister of Minerals and Energy, Ms Sonjica Buyelwa's, call for uranium beneficiation, as well as the burgeoning of the local uranium mining industry. The primary objectives of NIASA are to:

- to form a stakeholder body that can respond to issues affecting the industry from a common perspective;
- to create coherence and avoid duplication of efforts during a period of rapid growth in the face of limited human resources;
- to act as a sounding board in for Government, especially in policy development and to commission research on behalf of the industry

Speakers at the launch include Ms Raisibe Morathi, Economic Advisor to the Deputy President, Mr Michael Katz, Senior Partner at Edward Nathan & Sonneberg, Mr Jacob Maroga, CEO of Eskom, Prof Calie Pistorius, Rector of the University of Pretoria, Mr Jean Nortier of SRX Uranium One and Dr Gideon Greyvenstein of the Northwest University and M-Tech Industrial.

"Nuclear is a technology that extends from mining to medicine and we need to acquire a voice that supports the global upward trend", said Adam. The idea is to establish an interim organizing committee at the event which will be responsible for the formal organizing of the Association. An announcement will also be made of the first South African Nuclear Technology Conference scheduled for 24 to 26 September 2008 at the Sandton Convention centre.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate contact us on the detail provided below.

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