

# THE SECONDARY MARKET FOR REIPPP RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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### Introduction



In a little over 3 years REIPPP has resulted in:

64 projects awarded to the private sector

private sector investment totalling USD 14 billion

committed

3922 MW of renewable power

SA amongst global top 10 in IPP investment

 More investment in power generation than rest of Africa in last 20 years



#### REIPPP



- Moved from Renewable Energy Feed-In Tariff (REFIT) to competitive bidding
- 2 bid rounds have reached financial close, 3<sup>rd</sup> round will do so by end of the year, 4<sup>th</sup> round bid submission completed
- Bid rounds attracted local and international project developers, sponsors and equity shareholders
- Secondary market started to emerge after round 1 and is likely to develop in the next few years

## Advantages of a Secondary Market for REIPPP Renewable Energy Projects



- Should attract more investors to the SA REIPP market as there will be clear exit route that will allow bidders to sell the equity stake once projects become operational
- Developers can recycle their equity to larger number of projects, rather than tying up equity for full period of PPA



### Why should investors buy into the Secondary Market?

- Access to opportunities previously missed out on
- Quicker returns on investment
- Performance history available
- Diversification



### **General issues affecting Secondary Market Transactions**



- REIPPP restrictions
- Transactional Issues
  - Confidentiality
  - Due Diligence
  - Representations and Warranties
  - Existing legal documents
- Tax

### **REIPPP Restrictions**



Implementation Agreement lock in

Conduit Companies

DOE Consent

Affects Equity and Debt Providers



### **Transactional Issues**



- Confidentiality
- Due Diligence
- Representations and Warranties
- Existing Legal Documents
  - Pre-emptive Rights
  - Change of Control
  - Triggers for Deemed Offers

### **Conclusion**



- Planning for future secondary transactions is essential
- Greater certainty required from the DOE



### **Thank you**





"Do you promise to pay the bill, the whole bill and nothing but the bill?"