

MEDIA STATEMENT

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INFRASTRUCTURE SOUTH AFRICA OPENS BID WINDOW TO RAMP UP PROJECT PREPARATION SUPPORT

In line with the H.E President Ramaphosa's call to turn South Africa into a construction site, Infrastructure South Africa (ISA) has opened a first of its kind bid window to invite submissions from National and Provincial government departments, State Owned Entities, Public entities as well as municipalities to apply for project preparation support. This support will not be extended to private sector projects.

In March this year, President Ramaphosa unveiled the top 12 infrastructure initiatives at the Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium South Africa (SIDSSA). These 12 projects are currently benefiting from the first R179 million in the current Financial Year tranche of project preparation funding allocated by National Treasury to ISA to support catalytic projects that otherwise would not progress to implementation stage.

The current Bid Window will select projects that will benefit from the next tranche of project preparation funding, the selected projects will be announced at the next SIDSSA. The projects, after undergoing various stages of appraisal and approval will receive comprehensive project preparation assistance, including funding/financial structuring support, technical support, legal support, Institutional / governance arrangements, capacity deployment, regulatory and/or compliance studies.

One of the major contributing factors to under investment in infrastructure is the lack of sufficient project preparation support for infrastructure projects. To address these challenges and unlock the potential of infrastructure investments in South Africa, the National Treasury has granted ISA a project preparation fund to support project development to accelerate the pace and quality of infrastructure delivery. In future, ISA seeks to catalyse seed funding to blend with other project preparation facilities available to develop viable and bankable infrastructure projects.

The project preparation support offered by ISA will include the following:

1. Funding/financial structuring support – detailing of full project costs, identification of funding sources and support in funding application process;
2. Technical support – technical studies, designs, and specifications;

3. Legal support – project contracting structure, assessment of potential terms and conditions of relationships with potential service providers; and
4. Institutional / governance arrangements – stakeholder identification and engagement, institutional capacity assessment, determination of how projects will be implemented.

The Projects submitted ought to be in alignment with ISA's mandate, which is to bridge the infrastructure investment gap outlined in the National Development Plan (NDP) and the National Infrastructure Plan 2050 (NIP). Additionally, the projects' capital value should be in line with the ISA pipeline registration criteria (R1 billion+) and should have the potential to crowd in investment from alternative sources (e.g. Multilateral Development Banks, Development Finance Institutions and other institutional investors) other than the fiscus.

In considering the projects, the following will be the priority sectors:

- Energy
- Water & Sanitation
- Transport (major roads, airports, ports and freight transport)
- Human Settlements (excluding student accommodation)
- Social Infrastructure (Education & Health)
- Municipal Infrastructure (focus will be on infrastructure projects that have potential to leverage private sector financing)
- Industrial Development Zones & Special Economic Zones (IDZs & SEZs)

The guidelines can be found on the ISA website: [Infrastructure South Africa Appraisal Guideline \(infrastructuresa.org\)](https://infrastructuresa.org) and all applications can be made online: [Project Preparation Technical Guidelines - Infrastructure South Africa \(infrastructuresa.org\)](https://infrastructuresa.org)

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ANNEXURE

Top 12 Projects currently receiving project preparation support from Infrastructure South Africa

#	Project Name	ISA Support
1	Project Ukuvuselela	Project Preparation support for the development of a bankable business case
2	Durban Container Terminal (DCT) Pier 1	Navy relocation coordination and Project Preparation support for feasibility study
3	Ngqura Port Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)	Project Preparation support for the development of a pre-feasibility study, feasibility studies and environmental authorisations.
4	Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Import Terminal (Richards Bay)	Project Preparation support for specialist studies and engineering designs for the Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU)
5	Reinstatement of Mosselbay GTL Refinery	Project Preparation support for specialist studies and feasibility study funding (FA platform & GTL)
6	Eskom Tubatse Pumped Storage Scheme	Project Preparation support for engineering studies to enable the development of a bankable business case
7	Rooiwal Waste Water Treatment Works Phase 2	Project Preparation support for the development of a bankable business case
8	Amatola Water Bulk Supply Augmentation	Project Preparation support for the development of a bankable business case
9	Nkomazi Special Economic Zone	Project Preparation support for the development of a feasibility study
10	Namakwa Special Economic Zone	Project Preparation support for the development of a feasibility study and a bankable business case
11	Health Infrastructure Programme	Funding support for conditional assessments to enable the development of a bankable business case.



12	Education Infrastructure Programme	LP & KZN Schools are receiving Project Preparation support for conditional assessments to enable the development of a bankable business case. NC & EC schools are also in the project preparation pipeline for support.
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