

Media Release:

Necsa signs another training agreement with the State Nuclear Power Technology Company (SNPTC) of China

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Necsa today signed an agreement on training in project management in the construction of nuclear power plants with the State Nuclear Power Technology Company (SNPTC) of China. Through this agreement South Africa will send senior officials to be trained in project management in the construction of nuclear power plants in China. China is simultaneously building over 20 nuclear reactors using different technologies. As South Africa prepares for the procurement phase of the nuclear new build programme this presents an opportunity for the officials to acquire first-hand experience in nuclear power plants that are under construction.

"This is an invaluable opportunity for our people as project management is one of the critical functions in a nuclear build process. Once we start building we will have to deliver our plants on time and within budget", said Phumzile Tshelane, CEO of Necsa.

Necsa and SNPTC have also been responsible for the implementation of another agreement that saw a group of 50 South Africans receiving training in nuclear engineering in China, early this year. A second phase of this programme will commence in January 2016 and will be conducted in both South Africa and in China.

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