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Energy Council of South Africa appoints James Mackay as CEO

Johannesburg, South Africa – The Energy Council of South Africa is pleased to announce that James Mackay has been appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with effect from 17 October 2022.

James has over 20 years of diverse experience in the public and private sectors and worked extensively across Africa. James has professional qualifications in engineering and finance, and broad knowledge that spans the energy sector, including natural gas, renewables and green hydrogen, among others. He has a strong understanding of the dynamics of emerging markets and economies, business and energy strategy, as well as hands-on experience in developing and leading large transformational programmes.

“I would like to congratulate James on his new role and look forward to working with him as we progress our work as the Energy Council of South Africa in being the collective, unified voice of energy,” said Fleetwood Grobler, Chairman of the Energy Council of South Africa.

“I feel very honored and excited to be taking up this role. Affordable access to reliable and sustainable energy is one of the most critical challenges facing South Africa. I strongly believe that the Energy Council will play a critical role in helping to unlock value and shape our national vision for a vibrant energy sector, which I am very passionate about. I am looking forward to engaging with, and supporting all energy stakeholders, as the Energy Council becomes a vehicle that supports growth and prosperity for all South Africans,” said James Mackay, CEO-designate of the Energy Council of South Africa.

Having established a strong track record in the energy sector, James is currently the PwC energy lead with specific focus on energy strategy and Net Zero.

This appointment marks a major milestone in developing the Energy Council to play a leading role in driving stakeholder and policy alignment and assisting in addressing the development of the South African energy sector for inclusive economic growth.

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