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GAZETTING OF THE NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN 2050 PHASE 2 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

On 21 October 2022, Minister Patricia de Lille gazetted the National Infrastructure Plan 2050 Phase 2 (NIP 2050 Phase 2) for public comment. The comment period will run for a period of 49 days, ending 9 December 2022. The NIP 2050 Phase 2 is drafted by Infrastructure South Africa as headed by Dr Kgosientsho Ramokgopa.

The NIP 2050 Phase 2 offers a strategic vision and plan to deliver high-priority distributed infrastructure networks by 2050. It focuses on distributed infrastructure that links more closely to businesses and communities. Building on the bulk infrastructure sectors prioritised in NIP 2050 Phase 1, this iteration also offers a strategic vision and plan that links NDP objectives to practical steps and intermediate outcomes

To this end, the NIP 2050 Phase 2 focuses mainly on ‘distributed infrastructure.’ It is organised into two main sections. The first section offers insight into six infrastructure areas: human settlements, municipal electricity, water and sanitation, solid waste, passenger transport, road infrastructure, education infrastructure, and health infrastructure. The second section focuses on three cross-cutting elements namely: digital infrastructure, crime and corruption, and governance of distributed infrastructure delivery.

To ensure inclusivity and accuracy, extensive consultations were held with government departments and agencies as well as industry partners from across the private sector when drafting the NIP 2050 Phase 2. The valuable input from the stakeholders is fully represented in this draft document.

The NIP 2050 Phase 2 Gazette can be found on the link: <http://www.gpwonline.co.za/Documents/Government/47343%2021-10%20PublicWorksInfrastructure.pdf> and comments can be submitted until 9 December 2022 to the email: NIP2050Phase2@dpw.gov.za

EDITORS NOTE

The NIP 2050 Phase 2 outlines a lasting vision for human settlements, municipal services (such as electricity, water and sanitation, and solid waste), passenger transport, road networks, social infrastructures (education and health infrastructure) and digital capabilities in infrastructure. It also addresses cross-cutting issues crucial for effective and efficient infrastructure delivery

The vision for each section is briefly outlined as follows:

- **Human Settlements:** By 2050, affordable housing and infrastructure will be accessible for all South Africans within well-managed and viable socially and economically integrated communities located in areas allowing convenient access to economic opportunities and health, education, recreation, and other social amenities.
- **Municipal electricity, water and sanitation, and solid waste:** Municipal electricity, water and sanitation, and solid waste services will be delivered to enable universal access to sufficient, reliable, and affordable services, supporting an inclusive economy and thriving households. These services will be efficiently managed and will be financially and environmentally sustainable.
- **Passenger transport:** By 2050, the passenger transport sector will facilitate efficient and affordable access by all South Africans to economic opportunities, social interaction and services.
- **Road network** will support the movement of people and goods in an efficient, affordable, safe and environmentally sustainable manner.
- **Education infrastructure:** By 2050, education infrastructure will support the delivery of high-quality, accessible education from early learning, primary and secondary, to tertiary and vocational levels. Education infrastructure will be adaptable and responsive to changing requirements over time, in respect of typology, location and orientation.
- **Health infrastructure:** Health infrastructure will support the delivery of high-quality, accessible healthcare, leading to a life expectancy of at least 70 years for men and women, as envisaged in the NDP. Health infrastructure will be flexible, adaptable, resilient and responsive to changing requirements over time. Facilities will be safe, secure and clean, with water, sanitation, electricity and required equipment.
- **Digital capabilities in infrastructure:** The NDP envisages a seamless information infrastructure that is universally available and accessible at a cost and quality at least equal to South Africa's peers and competitors. The NIP 2050 Phase 2 envisages seamless digital enablement of existing and planned infrastructure to lower cost and improve
- **Crime and corruption in infrastructure** cripple economic activity in the country. The NIP 2050 posits that by 2050, South Africa's infrastructure can be planned, procured, built, maintained and used without material risk of crime or corruption.
- **Effective governance** of infrastructure delivery is critical to success. By 2050, all planning will be efficiently coordinated vertically, across spheres and tiers of government, horizontally between municipalities, and between municipalities, provinces and state entities. Within municipalities, planning will be integrated across sectors, and activities will be undertaken with the participation of communities and enterprises. By 2050, there will be confidence in the integrity of government systems and the capacity of institutions to deliver the required infrastructure and associated services while ensuring value for money and social accountability.

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