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News

[Publication of the Draft Regulations of the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act for public comment](#)

On 14 April 2025, the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources, Mr Gwede Mantashe, published the draft Regulations for public comment in GN.6123 GG.52507.

[Legislation on the move: The President signs the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act](#)

The Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill (now the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act. 23 of 2024) (Act) was finally assented to by the President on 25 October 2024 and published in the Government Gazette on 29 October 2024.

[The State's energy champion: What the SANPC Bill is and where we are with it](#)

On 14 October 2024 the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) (soon to be the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources) published an explanatory summary of the 2024 South African National Petroleum Company Bill (SANPC Bill) which confirms that the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy intends to introduce the SANPC Bill in the National Assembly "shortly".

[The unpacking of a Strategic Integrated Project](#)

Speaking at the third Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium in Cape Town on 19 March 2024, President Cyril Ramaphosa stated that investment in infrastructure is central to the achievement of South Africa's development goals. President Ramaphosa highlighted some initiatives which seek to address this, including the amendment of the Division of Revenue Act 5 of 2023 to enable provincial governments to use their infrastructure grants and budget allocations to crowd-in private sector finance for large social infrastructure programmes, as well as amendments to the public-private partnership regulations. Of specific importance to South Africa's development goals is the implementation of Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs) which aims to minimise the red tape associated with projects that are of social or economic importance to South Africa.

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[Does non-compliance with section 129\(2\)\(a\) of the Companies Act render a resolution void without more?](#)

A party to a contract must not be allowed to have its cake and eat it – such is the doctrine of approbation and reprobation, long recognised in our law. In *Hlatshwayo v Mare and Deas* AD 242, the Appellate Division held that “ The doctrine is based upon the application of the principle that no person can be allowed to take up two positions inconsistent with one another, or as is commonly expressed to blow hot and cold, to approbate and reprobate ”. In that vein, our court frowns upon a sole director of a company who, acting in their capacity as such, passes a resolution and when the legal consequences of such resolution no longer suit their motives, contends that it is invalid.

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