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Your Excellency,

## **RE: SADC ENERGY – ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES: LEAD ICP ENERGY REFERENCE GROUP**

We are very grateful to the International Cooperating Partners within the Energy Thematic Group for your continued support. I would also like to acknowledge with thanks the support the Austrian Government to the energy sector programs over the years.

As you are aware, the Secretariat is currently reviewing the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) within which the energy sector remains a priority. In this regard, the sector will continue receiving attention, and as such, the needed capacity support is in line with the activities to be implemented in the revised RISDP. In this regard Secretariat has ensued continuity within the Directorate for Infrastructure and Services by appointing a new Senior Programme Officer for Energy, Mr. Moses Ntlamelle.

I assure you of my unwavering support to the Energy Sector and looking forward to our continued engagement especially in implementing the SADC Renewable Energy Strategy and Action Plan (RESAP).

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Going forward, the outcomes and finalization of the RISDP Review shall be tabled at the next Council of Ministers in 2015, at which Council will provide guidance with regard to resource allocation based on the elaborated priorities.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.



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**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

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