

**Mkhize, Muzi Wiseman; Regulator Member: National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA), Pretoria, South Africa**

Mr Mkhize was appointed as Full-Time Regulator Member primary responsible for the regulation of the petroleum pipelines industry at NERSA, with effect from 16 January 2018.

Mr Mkhize holds a Master of Business Leadership (MBL) from the University of South Africa (UNISA), a Bachelor of Commerce from UNISA, as well as a Bachelor of Science (Chemical Engineering) from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Mr Mkhize's areas of expertise include executive management, strategy and policy formulation, economic development, as well as bilateral and multilateral engagement at an international level. He has represented South Africa at various international forums and dialogues, as well as at bilateral and multilateral platforms as a member and leader of the delegation. These include the World Economic Forum side meetings, International Energy Forum meetings, International Energy Agency (IEA) conferences, the India–Brazil–South Africa (IBSA) trilateral, Presidential visits and a host of government-to-government bilateral engagements.

He has extensive experience in the energy sector, having served as Vice-Chair of the Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum (CSLF) from 2009 to 2010; Gas Commissioner for the South Africa/Mozambique Gas Commission as well as the South Africa/Namibia Gas Commission from 2008 to 2016. His outstanding achievements in the energy sector include the following:

- the operationalisation of the Petroleum Products Amendment Act, 2003 (Act No. 58 of 2003), which included, among others, the creation of the current petroleum licensing regime for the South African liquid fuels industry and the establishment of a new Chief Directorate: Office of the Petroleum Controller within the Department of Minerals and Energy from 2006;
- the establishment of a vendor/supplier development agency (SASDA) as well as the implementation of Liquid Fuels Industry Charter for the empowerment of historically disadvantaged South Africans;
- the first-ever regulation of fuel specifications and standards by the South African Government in 2006, which, among others, banned the use of lead and reduced the sulphur content of diesel;
- the revision of the Import and Export Control Guidelines to permit historically disadvantaged wholesalers to import liquid fuels into the country in 2007; and
- an instrumental role in the development and publishing of various strategic documents, such as the Energy Security Master Plan – Liquid Fuels; and the National Bio-fuels Strategy of 2007.

Mr Mkhize also served as a Director on the Boards of CEF (Pty) Ltd, PetroSA and Strategic Fuel Fund (SFF) at various times between 2006 and 2015.

He started his career at Sasol Synthetic Fuels (SSF), where he held various positions from Trainee Engineer to Senior Process Engineer/Business Consultant from 1994 to 2001. He then moved on to join the National Prosecuting Authority of South Africa as a Business Analyst from 2001 to 2005. He later joined the Department of Energy (DoE) as Chief Director: Hydrocarbons Policy from 2005 to 2016. He left the DoE to join the Mpumalanga Provincial Government as Head of Economic Development and Tourism from July 2016 to 15 January 2018.