



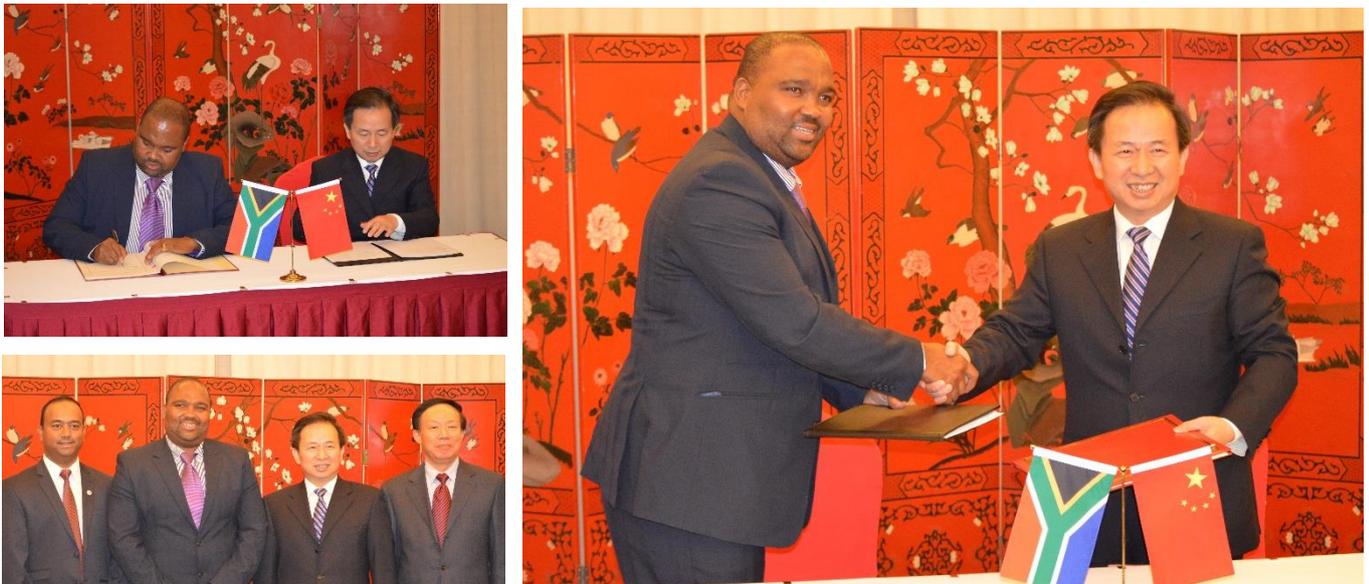
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THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATOR (NNR) OF SOUTH AFRICA CONCLUDES A BILATERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SAFETY ADMINISTRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (NNSA).



The National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) of South Africa concluded the signing of a bilateral technical cooperation agreement with the National Nuclear Safety Administration of the People's Republic of China (NNSA) on 12 November 2015, in Beijing China. The agreement was signed by Mr Li Ganjie, the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Environmental Protection/ National Nuclear Safety Administration, P.R. China and Dr Mzubanzi Bismark Tyobeka, the Chief Executive Officer of the NNR, South Africa.

NNR CEO, Dr Tyobeka stated that there are many areas of mutual interest between both regulators, however the immediate topics for collaboration and practical information



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exchange as agreed with the NNSA will be on ; enforcement actions pertaining to violations of regulations (penalty/fine system), licensing procedures, vendor inspections, inspector training and joint inspections and technical support cooperation in relation to the NNR Centre of Excellence.

Currently in China there are 27 units in commercial operation, 25 units under construction and 22 units about to start construction. Additional reactors are planned, including some of the world's most advanced, to give more than a three-fold increase in nuclear capacity by 2020-21. China has become largely self-sufficient in reactor design and construction, as well as other aspects of the fuel cycle, but is making full use of western technology while adapting and improving it. China continues to show unprecedented eagerness to achieve world's best standards in nuclear safety. The NNSA is responsible for conducting nuclear safety regulatory oversight of the nuclear industry in China.

“We operate in a highly globalised nuclear environment which is constantly evolving and bilateral cooperation arrangements such as these serve as a valuable mechanism for ensuring that the NNR’s regulatory practices are in line or benchmarked against the best current standards and practices as applied internationally within the nuclear industry and more particularly within the associated nuclear regulatory authorities fraternity.” concluded Dr Tyobeka.

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