

SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY CORPORATION (NECSA GROUP)

MEDIA RELEASE: Tribute To One of South African's Great intellectual, Ambassador Dr Mochubela "Wezi" Seekoe.



The South African Nuclear Energy (Necsa) sends condolences to the Seekoe family after the death of ANC stalwart and former South African ambassador to Russia, Dr Mochubela "Wezi" Seekoe, at Milpark Hospital in Johannesburg last week. He was appointed as the Chairman of Necsa on 01 August 2012 until 31 March, 2016.

Ambassador Dr Seekoe was born on 27 January 1939, in the now called province of the Free State. He became the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of South Africa to the Russian Federation from 2001-2005. He was the head of the Post-TRC Implementation Unit, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development and was the non-executive Board member of the National Nuclear Regulator, at the time of his passing.

Necsa holds Ambassador Seekoe in high regard. He steered the ship through stormy and cold high waters. It was his clarity of thought that challenged our collective values and conscience to speak truth amidst luring moments that dangled shallow promises which could have sink the organisation into a state of abysmal. There was no a lazy bone in his physical and mental make-up. He shamed those far younger than him that did their bare minimum to scrape through their life responsibilities. Ambassador gave this beloved country all that was in his abilities and capabilities. He lead by example, was punctual and diligently carried his governance duties despite his failing health.

The young Necsarians were always assured of a long, yet passionately told story of South African political giants, and the narrative about South Africa's "long walk to freedom", each time he took to the podium. The stories carried on and one was left with his or her mouth ajar as he mentioned engagements with African leaders, such as late Tata Mandela and other frontline state former Presidents, without his heart missing a beat. How many of us could rub shoulders with such greatness and still remain with their two feet glued to the ground, as the Ambassador showed us?.

Ambassador Seekoe's easy going and humble personality masked his immerse contribution and personal sacrifice for the attainment of a democratic and non-racial South Africa. He didn't gloat about

his credentials nor rub his academic and career achievements to all and sundry. One felt held and respected in his company despite rank or social status.

He never ceased to push for individual top performance and encouraged academic excellence at every turn. May this be one of his many attributes that the Necsa Group shall emulate moving ahead.

The funeral details are as follows:

Date: Saturday, 25 November, 2017

Viewing at home (before 9am) : 36 Olive Hill, Fichardt Park, Bloemfontein

Venue for proceedings: Paradise Hall, Bochabela Location.

Time at Hall : 9am

The Spear of the Nation has fallen! Robala ka kgotso, Ntate.