

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION: 1530.**

**Mr S C Motau (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

- (1) Whether work has started on the construction of a certain planned oil Mthombo crude oil refinery at Coega in the Eastern Cape; if not, (a) why not and (b) what is being done to get the project off the ground; if so, when did the work start;
- (2) whether the dismissal of the former chief executive officer, Mr. Siphon Mkhize has anything to do with the lack of progress; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether the project was put out to tender; if not, why not; if so, (a) to which company was the tender awarded, (b) what is the capital cost of this project and (c) how is it being financed? NW1695E

**REPLY**

- (1) No. The work on the construction of Project Mthombo has not yet started. A lot of planning has been done, however PetroSA's Board has directed that management consider and address the issues, such as the size of the refinery, that were raised in relation to the project during engagement consultations in 2010.
- (2) No
- (3) No. The project has not yet been put out to tender because of reason given in response to Question 1 above.