



MINISTRY OF ENERGY  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**National Assembly question : 3056**

**Mr J F Smalle (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

- (1) What relationship does PetroSA have with the diving support vessel *Iremis da Vinci*;
- (2) (a) which companies is PetroSA currently using to supply divers at the Ikhwezi gas fields and (b) at what cost are these companies supplying their services;
- (3) (a) which companies providing services to PetroSA at Ikhwezi gas fields have been paid upfront for their services and (b) why was each of these companies paid upfront? **NW3610E**

**Reply**

- (1) PetroSA has contracted the da Vinci diving support vessel for the installation of the remaining Ikhwezi subsea equipment.
- (2) (a) Iremis Chartering are providing the divers.  
(b) The divers are provided by Iremis Chartering Limited and the costs thereof are included in the vessel chartered daily rate of 209,000 US Dollars. The divers being provided are listed below:

Designation	Qty
SAT Dive Night-Superintendent	1
SAT Diving Supervisor	4
SAT Diver	9
SAT Diver (on deck)	4
Life Support Supervisor	2
Life Support Technician	2
Assistant Life Support Technician	2
Medic	1

- (3) (a) The only company that has been paid upfront is Grayloc.  
(b) Grayloc manufactures compact pipe flanges. These were on the critical path and upfront payment was required to secure the manufacturing slot.

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