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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 2208**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked **Ms P Madokwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

**Ms N. Ngcwabe**

**DDG: Mining, Minerals and Energy Policy Development**

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**Ms P. Gamede**

**Acting Director General: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Mr. S.G. Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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1. **Ms P Madokwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

What are the reasons for (a) his insistence on Shell’s continued operations, which is rejected by the people of the Eastern Cape, before the Gas Amendment Bill [B 9 - 2021] is finalised and (b) his department insisting that the Republic and its people will benefit from these operations, while the same operations left the Niger Delta polluted and set off the conflict in Mozambique? NW2616E

**Reply**

**Development of oil and gas has great potential to offer South Africa energy independence (and security), economic growth and jobs as long as is developed within the principles of sustainable development.**