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RE100, the leading corporate renewable energy initiative, has expanded its [membership criteria](#) to welcome companies from the mining and extractives sector. With this new policy, South African headquartered mining companies now have the opportunity to apply to join over [400 global corporations](#) committed to accelerating the transition to zero-carbon electricity.

As a unified corporate voice, RE100 harnesses the collective influence of its members to advocate for better renewable energy sourcing options across markets. In South Africa, the initiative collaborates closely with its local partner, the [National Business Initiative \(NBI\)](#), to drive change and support corporate engagement in renewable energy policy development. This work is carried out through the partnership between NBI, RE100 and the [World Business Council for Sustainable Development's \(WBCSD\) RAiSE Programme](#).



Mining and extractive industries are fundamental to a sustainable future, as they provide the critical minerals required to transition to net zero by 2050. RE100 recognises the need for the sector to contribute effectively to the just energy transition and its role as essential in successfully meeting net zero. The operations of companies in this sector are also key for scaling-up renewable technology. The initiative does recognise these companies may also have operations specifically in the mining and extraction of fossil fuels, potentially misaligning with RE100's mission of carbon free grids by 2040. Therefore, companies will be accepted to the initiative depending on whether they meet the criteria which was officially published in the [Joining Criteria](#) on 17 March 2025.

Currently, [Investec](#) is the only South African-headquartered RE100 member, and the initiative is actively seeking more companies, not only in South Africa, but globally, to step up and lead on renewables by making an ambitious commitment to reach 100% renewable by 2050 or earlier.

Mining and extractives companies play a crucial role in the country's economy, and their leadership on clean energy adoption can have a transformative impact.



To view RE100's Mining & Extractives Policy and learn more about how your company can get involved, please read the [RE100 Joining Criteria](#) or contact Kate Farmer at kfarmer@climategroup.org.

RE100 has extended a special thanks to NBI, as their valued local in country partner, for contributing to the policy's development and highlighting the significant role of Mining and Extractive Companies in the Just Transition and scaling up renewable energy technologies both in South Africa and globally.



NBI

National Business Initiative

The National Business Initiative (NBI) is an independent and voluntary coalition of South African and multinational businesses launched in 1995 by the then President, Nelson Mandela.

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