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SANEDI attends SGE cleantech trade mission

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Representatives of the South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI) recently attended the CSIR-hosted Switzerland Global Enterprises (SGE) Cleantech mission to promote trade and R&D in the clean technology and energy efficiency industries. Part of the mission was to seek opportunities for partnerships between South Africa and Switzerland.

There is an ever-greater demand for clean technology for those technologies, manufacturing processes and services that use available resources efficiently and/or help protect and maintain natural resources. According to Cleantech, Swiss companies are leading the way in clean technology worldwide.

Clean technology falls directly within SANEDI's remit, as it includes the following segments:

- Air and environment
- Disaster prevention
- Energy transportation and storage
- Energy production
- Energy efficiency
- Mobility
- Site remediation
- Recycling and waste
- Water and wastewater

"The opportunity to interact with world experts in these fields was an invaluable occasion and one that we welcomed," says Dr Thembakazi Mali, interim CEO at SANEDI.

"Our Renewable Energy Centre of Research and Development is specifically focused on support and coordination of renewable energy research and development throughout South Africa. SANEDI also strives to implement cleaner mobility solutions, focused mainly in cities and other niche markets.

"We look forward to closer ties and opportunities in the coming months with Swiss and South African partnerships," concludes Mali.

The South African government established the South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI) to direct, monitor and conduct applied energy R&D, demonstration and deployment, as well as to undertake specific measures to promote the uptake of green energy and energy efficiency in South Africa. Its mission is to use applied and energy research and resource efficiency to develop innovative, integrated solutions that will catalyse growth and prosperity to meet its vision of sustainable living for growth and prosperity in Africa.

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