



## DPE SHAREHOLDER OVERSIGHT

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#### **Evolution of DPE's Strategic Mandate**



Until 2003: development & implementation of an integrated and coherent approach to maximising the contribution of SOE to the socio-economic development of SA (restructuring/privatisation of SOE)

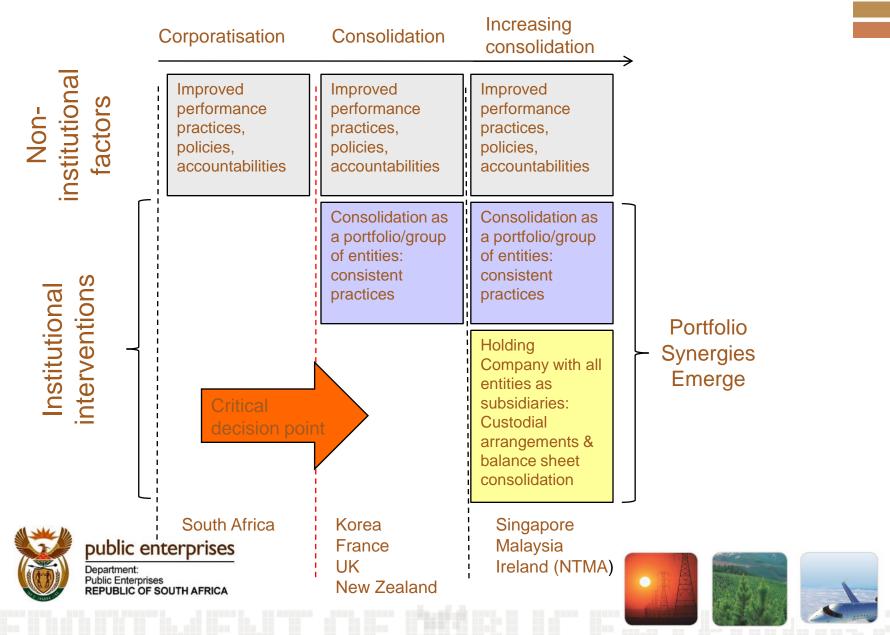
Post 2003: ensure alignment between the SOE business strategies with sector department policies and regulatory authorities whilst ensuring that SOE, as sustainable business entities, provide sustainable economic benefit to the country.













The DPE has managed the portfolio of SOEs towards the achievement of the following long term objectives:

- Security of supply in energy
- National presence in airline capacity
- Broadband capacity
- Efficient transport infrastructure
- Consolidation of aerospace capability
- Focused manufacturing capability and export of defence solutions









- Oversight at 2 levels:
  - Enterprise Ensure SOE is financially viable & sustainable
  - Industry Create space for the private sector where optimal in the value chain
- Oversight strengthened through:
  - Precisioning of the strategic mandate & intent
  - Conclusion of Shareholder Compacts with SOE Boards
  - Business Intelligence Dashboard for performance reporting and analysis
  - Significance and materiality framework MOU
  - Standard governance documents for all SOE









- Strengthening Board composition
- Portfolio level monitoring to ensure that existing & new SOE are adequately capitalised & that high impact projects can be funded & appropriate funding mechanisms developed
- Review of routine oversight reporting at SOE & DPE levels to ensure robust SOE governance, investment, financial & risk management systems, adequate information for strategic decisions and SOE & portfolio performance can be assessed in relation to Government's overarching intent
- Codification of Government's role and functions through Development of Shareholder Management Concept in order to optimise SOE contribution to economic growth & development









#### **DPE Shareholder Objectives**

- In RSA SOE are clustered under a various shareholder Departments (Multiple shareholding structure)
- Developing site of shareholder excellence (shareholder compact's, shareholder levers, risk management)
- Developing track record of support for the SOE (recapitalisations, demanding new strategies, acting as a political champion, EIAs
- New IP on the nexus between SOE and sector development strategy
- Developing new IP on how to exploit portfolio synergies (e.g. competitive supplier development programme)









### **Key Constraints**

- Impact of 'build' programme placing pressure on SOE balance sheets (price and 'supply' pressures)
- Limited SOE-related financial innovation in world of accelerating global financial innovation
- Slow speed of investments and slow speed of entry into new SOE (despite the commercial case)
- No formal institutional champion for industrialisation of large-scale state science investments (which are presumably SA's leading edge of technology development)
- Non-optimisation of state portfolio of SOEs: e.g.. leveraging state shareholding /dividend flow









### **Key risks**

- Under investment and Inefficient capital usage
- Inability to make decisions
- Inability to consistently control and drive required behaviours
- Ineffective strategic mandate implementation
- Legislation/regulation









#### Disadvantages.....

#### **Active portfolio management**

- Institutional structure that supports effective and positive portfolio management.
- Rapid establishment of new SOE in response to strategic need without requiring new legislation.
- Ability to exit investment when strategic intent no longer relevant.



## Systems processes and incentives ("centre of excellence")

- Appropriately designed processes: able to respond with speed to commercial requirements
- Insulate investment decision making from political and administrative machinations of budget processes.
- Incentivise balance sheet management within SOE based on real funding requirements
- Avoid creating opaque surpluses to avoid engaging with inefficient funding allocation process.

#### **Skills**

- Ability to attract and retain the right skills
  - Salaries
  - Incentives
- Skills make-up
  - Right mindset
  - Speed of decision-making
  - Private economy experience
  - Corporate and project finance







#### **OUR AIM**

- Establish shareholder uniform approach and standard applicable across all SOE
- Serve as custodian of consistent shareholder management practices by:
  - Developing harmonized & consistent shareholder management practices to be issued as regulations &/or practice notes;
  - Provide ad-hoc shareholder management & transaction advisory services on request;









# THANK YOU







