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**Letter of Support for Indian Energy Viejas LDES Grant**

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The Chairman  
California Energy Commission  
California

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Dear Chairman Hochschild,

My name is Ivan Jones. I am a member of the Indigenous Cochochoqau, Khoi-Khoi and San people of South Africa. The Khoi-Khoi and San are the First Nation of South-African and science has proven that we have the most ancient DNA on the planet. I am writing to convey my utmost support and excitement for the Viejas Enterprise Micro grid led by Indian Energy.

In 2014 I met Indian Energy and members of their team in San Diego. I had worked with them over the years to begin to develop many utility scale renewable projects here in South Africa. Those efforts are blossoming into a renewed prospect of hope with our people, as we now are engaging at a programmatic level with our Federal Government and our large local business interests, such as farming and mining, on a way to deliver long duration energy storage microgrid solutions, to bring renewable energy security to our country. It's through the support of Indian Energy that I have established myself as a known serial renewable energy and climate entrepreneur in South-Africa.

Currently, South Africa is in a state of energy crisis. We lack the basic technology and know-how to solve our energy challenges. We have regular load shedding and will lose about 18600 MW of coal power from now till 2035, as these power stations reach end of life.

However, it is through our partnership and the knowledge we have learnt from Indian Energy that we know technology and solutions exist to solve these problems. It is also through their support that we can host the first Indigenous Africa Energy Investment Symposium in South-Africa from 2-4 November, to discuss the South-African energy crisis and solutions to the crisis. Indian Energy is presenting long duration energy storage technologies and solutions at the symposium. Information on the symposium is on our website [www.energyinvestmentsymposium.com](http://www.energyinvestmentsymposium.com).

We also know now that governments like yours in California can take the lead and partner with us through the means of this grant and this project. That opportunity would be life changing for us and our people. We thank California for its boldness in leading through action, and once again strongly support the Viejas Enterprise Microgrid project in partnership with Indian Energy. We hope to roll out the same long duration energy storage microgrid project in South-Africa, using American technology and the skill and support of Indian Energy in the very near future.

Ivan Jones  
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