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South Africa: AREVA and Necsca strengthen their partnership

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AREVA and the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (Necsca)* signed today an agreement to extend their ongoing cooperation initiated in 2008 to develop South Africa's nuclear industry.

The agreement was signed by AREVA CEO, Anne Lauvergeon, and Necsca CEO, Rob Adam in the presence of Eric Besson, French Minister for Industry, Elizabeth Dipuo Peters, South African Minister for Energy and Rob Davies, South African Minister for Industry and Trade.

It is part of the broader cooperation between France and South Africa established during South African President Zuma's state visit to France this week.

Under the agreement, AREVA will also assist Necsca in the training of nuclear experts.

After the signing ceremony, Anne Lauvergeon said: "AREVA and South Africa have been partners for over 30 years and the group remains fully committed to supporting the country's nuclear ambitions."

**Necsca was established as a public company in 1999 and is wholly-owned by the South-African State. The main functions of Necsca are to undertake and promote research and development in the field of nuclear energy and radiation sciences and technology.*

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