Mr Fedor Opadchiy
Vice Chairman of the Management Board (SO UPS, Russia)

Dear friends and colleagues!

I’m honored and privileged to address you now as the newly appointed president of our association. Established in 2004, GO15 is a unique initiative of the world’s largest power grid operators to investigate fundamental issues of common interest and to develop joint actions for improvement and enhancement of power system security.

For over 14 years since the founding of the association, drastic global changes have forced us to adapt and embrace new roles and responsibilities of system operators and, more generally, of our industry. The year 2004 saw the start of GO15 as an opportunity to discuss and develop a survey and consensus on cascading events and blackouts. Today GO15 provides us with a framework to meet challenges that arise from the operation of our power systems with respect to current worldwide trends – digitalization, decentralization and decarbonization. Upon reflection on our past victories it is my honor to state that GO15 initiative has been widely successful and is gaining substantial visibility and recognition.

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GO15 Meetings 2018

GO15 Annual Meeting 2018 hosted by Terna
October 9-11, 2018 in Milan - Italy
Luigi Ferraris - CEO of TERNA, welcomed all participants and confirmed the strong support of TERNA at all GO15 activities. The 19 member representatives met at the 2018 GO15 Steering Board Meeting. Among the participants we proudly welcomed five CEOs from CAISO, GCCIA, MISO, ONS and TERNA, as well as our GO15 President 2018 Mr. Thava Govender, our GO15 President-elect 2019 Fedor Opadchiy and Mohamed Hussain SH. Mansoor Mohamed ALSETRI - GCCIA Chairman. The main objectives were to discuss the 2018 activities results and define the strategic focus for 2019. Following the conclusions and decisions of the Steering Board, the Governing Board began developing preliminary work plans for 2019.

The 2018 Annual Meeting was structured to maximize the interaction between the Member CEOs and top executives, as well as interaction with high-level representatives of the industry’s major stakeholders through the participation to the World Energy Week organized in these days in Milan by the World Energy Council.

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**Steering Board Meeting 2018 - Side activities**

**GO15 Awards 2018**

TERNA hosted a gala dinner at the [Museo della Scienza e della Tecnologia Leonardo Da Vinci](https://www.terna.it/13055.html). GO15 officers took this opportunity to deliver an appreciation certificates and GO15 Experts Awards to:

**Mr. Thava Govender - ESKOM, GO15 president 2018 and Steering Board Member.**

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Steve Berberich - Go15 Vice-President 2019, Thava Govender - GO15 President 2018, Fedor Opadchiy - GO15 President 2019, Carlo Sabelli - GB member & Expert, Alain Steven - GO15 Secretary General.
GO15 International Cooperation

The magnitude of the changes that the energy industry is unprecedented and cannot be addressed effectively unless the international organizations representing the various sides of the energy sector work together for comprehensive solutions. This suggests that government authorities, regulators, power generators, distribution and grid operators, as well as market operators need to embark on an industry-wide dialog that addresses the industry’s challenges in a holistic manner. To this effect, GO15 reached out to several key international organizations with the goal of developing information exchanges to address the challenges ahead.

In 2018, the GO15 Steering Board adopted endorsements by accepting speaking opportunities with organizations that can further enrich the organization’s vision in the international debate through participation in conference events of other organizations and stakeholders (such as grid power operators and utilities), with the objective of increasing awareness of the grid role in the energy transition.

GO15 and Cigre sign MOU in Milan ahead of World Energy Council and GO15 Steering Board Meeting hosted by TERNA.
President GO15, Mr. Thava Govender and Mr. Rob Stephen, President Cigré, met in Milan at GO15’s Fifteenth Annual Steering Board meeting hosted by Terna, Italy’s Transmission System Operator. The fact that both presidents hail from South Africa’s Eskom Holdings Ltd., made this signing a further significant and unique affair.

5th Annual ICER/GO15 Workshop on Future Utility Business Models

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Milan October 11th, 2018

This joint workshop, gathered more than 50 delegates from different profiles (Government representatives, Regulatory, PGOs, TSOs and DSOs and other industries) in parallel with the World Energy Week (WEW) – World Energy Leaders Summit (WELS), to which our Member CEOs have been invited.

World Energy Week 2018 - Milan, Italy

Endorsement of GO15 at the World Energy Week in Milan, Italy Results:

- GO15 President 2018, Mr. Thava Govender was one of the panelist and made a GO15 presentation on Dynamic Resilience: Managing and Mitigating Risk, during the Energy Transition Summit.

- An interview of GO15 President 2018, Mr. Thava Govender, was issued by WEC.
The Annual Meeting of GO15 this year will join World Energy Week (WEW) 2018 to be held in Milan. What will the involvement and role of GO15 be in the work of WEW2018?

It is a great pleasure to join hands in partnership with the World Energy Council. World Energy Week 2018 is a flagship event in GO15’s diary, and we are honored to

GO15 Milan Summit

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- Rosatom retires Leningrad I-1 nuclear reactor
- Germany closed its last black coal mine
- Ground-breaking energy storage operational in Newcastle
- Hawaiian Electric submits more than 1 GWh of battery projects for regulatory review
- Turkey's wind power capacity forecast to reach 8 GW in 2019
- National Grid unveils proposed terms, de-rating factors for renewables in the Capacity Market
- India plans to commission 21 nuclear reactors by 2031
- Eskom asks for a massive 45% electricity increase
GO15 Governing Board 2019 will be held on April and hosted by GO15 member MISO. During two days the Governing Board Members will be discussing GO15’s experts work results as well as the ongoing working plan 2019.

The next GO15 Annual Meeting 2019 will be held by SO-UPS, ahead of the 4th GO15 Forum, in St Petersburg, Russia.

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