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South Africa's energy minister Dipuo Peters has said she supports the use of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) techniques in the country, provided that they are undertaken safely, according to local reports on Thursday. Last year, the government imposed a moratorium on shale projects as it studied the environmental impact of fracking operations. Shell has a licence to explore the western Karoo region, while other foreign companies hoping to tap South Africa's unconventional resources include Chesapeake Energy, Statoil, Falcon Oil and Bundu Oil and Gas.



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