



To everybody gathered for this wonderful event, my apologies that I cannot be with you this evening, but please be assured that my thoughts are with you now as we honour the Douglas Banks Renewable energy Vision here tonight.

RECORD, being the Renewable energy Centre of Research and Development, at SANEDI has been associated with DBREV since it became operational in 2012. We have supported this initiative because we believe in the young energy minds of today, that they will make great strides towards a better world for tomorrow. RECORD strives to be recognised as the foremost institution for renewable energy research coordination and collaboration in SA. But we can't do this without the dedication, passion and intellect with which those individuals in the energy sector forge roads ahead. Never more than now is innovation and determination needed to carry the energy sector forward and you are helping to achieve this. We at RECORD are proud to be facilitating the brilliance of your young minds within the sector towards reaching your goals and making your mark, thank you for allowing us to be part of your exciting journey and may your future be "bright" in all aspects.

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