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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

**QUESTION NO. 300**

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**Mr J.J Londt (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether, given the potential of the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone being a drain on national fiscus (details furnished), the \$3.8 billion that has been invested by a certain Chinese company (name furnished) will mean an unprecedented level of foreign control of the energy metallurgical zone; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? [CW382E]

### REPLY

South Africa needs to take steps to ensure greater beneficiation of raw materials and to protect legitimate sovereign interests.

The Musina-Makhado SEZ is an initiative of the Limpopo government aimed at attracting foreign direct investment for beneficiation of mineral and agricultural resources for industrialisation and economic development. The SEZ was designated in 2017. The commencement of the Musina Makhado Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is dependent on the approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) which is currently under consideration by the relevant competent authority. The Department will engage the province, if the EIA is approved, on ways to ensure that national interests are protected and promoted.

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