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## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 377

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**Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

- (1) Whether the agreement between the Government and certain multinational companies and a certain Chinese company (details furnished) to develop and invest in the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone will heighten the foreign extraction of resources, especially in light of the endorsement by the Government for fiscal kickbacks; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) Whether such an agreement will mean an unprecedented level of foreign control of the country's energy and metallurgical resources; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details CW522E

#### REPLY

I have replied to a similar question, question 300 asked by Mr J.J Londt (Western Cape: DA).

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.

I note that the new SEZ framework approved by Government in 2019 – which will apply to all new SEZ designations after that date – provides for a greater role of the DTIC in the governance of individual SEZs. The Honourable Member may also obtain further information on this particular SEZ by approaching the Limpopo province directly.

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