

TSHWANE AUTOMOTIVE SEZ



Tshwane ASEZ Phase 1: Areal picture.

Despite the COVID pandemic, the yet to be alleviated “junk status” and the ever sluggish economic growth both globally and nationally, the Tshwane Automotive Special Economic Zone's implementation programme remains a shining example for the South African Government as represented by **the dtic**, the Gauteng Province's DED and the City of Tshwane.

Since TASEZ's inception with construction commencing in August 2020:

- It is now the fastest growing SEZ in the country that will see during its 1st year of operations investment by investors of more than R3 billion
- This will translate to more than 2 000 permanent jobs during operations and when combined with the Ford expansion programme will see more than 3200 jobs combined and more than 10 000 indirect jobs across the supply chain.
- As at March 2022 close to 4000 construction jobs have been created in the last year where more than 50% of the jobs are youth, 18% women vs a 10% target for construction jobs and 2% were are people with disabilities.
- This has seen more than 127 SMMEs being trained and participated in the procurement of ring-fenced construction work packages for SMMEs in the designated wards. Approximately R900 million has been procurement spent to SMMEs within the designated wards of Mamelodi, Eersterust and Nellmapius.

Credit should also go to the community leaders and other community formations within the designated wards who worked tirelessly in ensuring that disruptions are kept to a minimum.

This R4 billion project is unique in that it is the first and only SEZ that is funded and equally owned by all three spheres of government and has made some progress despite the COVID related lockdown since it was officially launched by South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa on the 5th of November 2019.

What we are seeing today, is the first phase of the TASEZ – the first 91ha of some 204ha – that will be executed over several phases and will see the creation of a mixed-use development that will include housing, retail, and other amenities. Having these suppliers located adjacent to the Silverton Assembly Plant is a crucial step towards increasing the efficiency and competitiveness of the South African automotive sector and unleashing further potential increases in production capacity for the domestic and export markets.