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Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 307

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

- (1) (a) How many of the 26 industrial parks have been (i) revitalised and (ii) in reconstruction phase, (b) what measures are in place to address the Industrial Development Zones that are in distress and (c) which provinces have (i) distressed parks, (ii) revitalised parks and (iii) industrial parks that are in reconstruction phase;
- (2) (a) what steps have been taken to ensure the establishment of Special Economic Zone in Nkomazi and Mpumalanga, (b) when and (c) what budget has been determined for such project? CW363E

REPLY:

- (1) (a) Of the twenty-six (26) industrial parks Fifteen (15) industrial parks have been revitalised across 8 Provinces. There are six (6) industrial parks undergoing and nearing closure of reconstruction phases in this current financial year 2024/25.
(b) The IDC based Industrial Zones Programme (IZP) provides technical support directly to zones that are in distress, in collaboration with provinces.
(c) All provinces, with the exception of Western Cape, have:
 - (i) Enlisted their parks that are in distress during an engagement with heads of departments of economic development,
 - (ii) Eight (8) provinces have had parks revitalised in their affected municipalities, and
 - (iii) The following 5-provinces have industrial parks under construction - Mthatha (EC) 1-park; Seshego & Nkowankowa (LP) 2-parks; Upington (NC) 1-park; Mandeni / Isithebe (KZN) 1-park; and Matjhabeng (FS) 1-park.
- (2) (a) **the dtic** has instructed their implementation support unit located at the IDC, the Industrial Zones Programme (IZP) to support the SEZ to become operational. The following steps/ milestones have been achieved by the team:
 - The Lease Agreement between Nkomazi Local Municipality (LM) and Nkomazi SEZ has been registered with the Deeds Office.

- A Services Agreement has been concluded between Nkomazi SEZ and Nkomazi Local Municipality.
 - Extended Environmental Impact Assessment is completed.
 - Water User license secured from Water and Sanitation Department.
 - Township layout developed.
 - Second access road into SEZ approved by Provincial Road department
 - Bulk infrastructure preliminary designs completed.
 - The first investor – DP World UAE to locate in the SEZ has been secured and Heads of Terms concluded.
- (b) The IZP achieved the steps taken in the last financial year 2023/24, however concluded the Heads of Terms with DP World UAE in August 2024.
- (c) The support from the IZP is non-financial and comprises of a team of 4, which include a 1x Technical Advisor and 3x Engineers.

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