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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 359

#### *Establishment of SEZs in Nkomazi*

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

(1)(a) What steps have been taken to ensure that Special Economic Zones in Nkomazi in Mpumalanga are established, (b) when and (c) what budget has been determined for this project;

(2)(a) how much private sector investment has been leveraged for the envisaged programmes/projects, (b) how much has been invested, (c) in what programmes/projects was such investment made and (d) in which provinces will such programmes/projects be established? CW489E

#### REPLY:

- (1) (a) I am informed that the Provincial Government of Mpumalanga submitted an application to **the dtic** in the 2017/18 operational financial year for establishment of the Nkomazi SEZ. Subsequently, the designation of the Nkomazi SEZ was gazetted on 22 March 2019 and the Nkomazi SEZ entity was then registered as a State-Owned Company in January 2021.

Since then, **the dtic** has instructed its implementation support unit - located at the IDC, the Industrial Zones Programme (IZP), to support the SEZ to become operational. The IZP has provided technical support services and the following milestones have been achieved:

- The Lease Agreement between the Nkomazi Local Municipality (LM) and Nkomazi SEZ has been registered with the Deeds Office.
- A Services Agreement has been concluded between the Nkomazi SEZ and Nkomazi Local Municipality.
- An Extended Environmental Impact Assessment is completed.
- A Water User license is secured from the Water and Sanitation Department.
- A Township layout is developed.
- A Second access road into the SEZ is approved by the Provincial Road Department.
- Bulk infrastructure preliminary designs are completed.
- The first investor – DP World Heads of Terms are concluded.

(b) The IZP achieved the steps taken in the 2023/24 financial year, whilst however it has concluded the Heads of Terms with DP World in August 2024.

(c) The project does not have a direct budget determined, however it will be supported by the SEZ Fund on an investor-led basis in line with the SEZ Fund guidelines.

- (2) (a) According to the IZP, an amount of R 400 million has been leveraged from DP World for the establishment of a logistics precinct in the Zone.
- (b) The investment has not been realized as the project is at a planning phase.
- (c) The investment will be made in the Special Economic Zone.
- (d) The investment will be located in the Nkomazi SEZ in Mpumalanga.

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