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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 361

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

- (1) Whether his department has explored any blended finance models to facilitate infrastructure investment in Markman, particularly leveraging unused state-owned land; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) (a) what incentives have been considered to attract industrial investment in Markman that is aligned with sustainable development goals, (b) how his department is planning to address (i) job losses and/or (ii) business closures in Markman as a result of infrastructure failures and (c) what oversight mechanisms exist to ensure that Coega Special Economic Zone (i) operates within its original zoning framework and (ii) would not obstruct Markman's economic growth;
- (3) (a) what actions will be taken to hold Coega Development Corporation and the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality accountable for failing to support Markman businesses (details furnished) and (b) what are the Government's long-term plans for integrating Markman into broader industrial and logistics networks, given its proximity to (i) Coega Industrial Development Zone and (ii) Port of Ngqura? CW418E

REPLY:

- (1) The Department is working with the Markman Business Forum and Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber to explore possible collaboration with various government departments to address the collapse of industrial infrastructure at Markman.

- (2) (a) It is a privately-owned Park; and no application was received for the Department to consider.

(b)(i)&(ii)

The Department will look to the use of Industrial Parks Revitalisation Programme (IPRP) instrument to co-fund the refurbishment of industrial infrastructure, together with the various government support instruments of the metro and businesses in the park.

(c)(i)&(ii)

The Coega Development Corporation has a functioning Board in-place, with **the dtic** represented on the Board. It therefore, ensures the SEZ continues operating within the Rezoning Environmental Authorisations; and that it does not obstruct operations in the Markman Industrial Park.

- (3) (a),(b)(i)&(ii)

The Coega Development Corporation is an entity of the Eastern Cape Provincial Government, and **the dtic** has no jurisdiction over the Province, therefore, this question should be directed to the Department of Economic Development and the Tourism in the Province.

The Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality falls within the purview of the Department of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs; therefore, this question should also be directed to the COGTA Department.

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