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Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**

### **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

#### **QUESTION NO. 419**

##### ***Provision of bulk infrastructure***

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

- (1) Whether, with reference to the establishment of the Nkomazi Special Economic Zone, the Nkomazi Local Municipality is able to provide the necessary bulk infrastructure regarding water, electricity and sewerage; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) Whether any funding for the Nkomazi Special Economic Zone has been secured; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW576E

#### **REPLY:**

- (1) I am informed that the Head of the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDAT), Mr LM Mdluli confirmed that the Nkomazi SEZ Entity concluded a formal Services Agreement with the Nkomazi Local Municipality. The SEZ entity will build and install essential bulk services, such as the water and sewage treatment plant, and transfer said-services to the Local Municipality to operate. It was further indicated that the current electrical infrastructure is sufficient for the SEZ development. The Province believes that through the services agreement, the Nkomazi SEZ Entity will provide additional capacity to the local municipality through provision of bulk services.

- (2) I am also informed that the Head of the Mpumalanga DEDAT, further confirmed that the Mpumalanga Provincial Government has provided R 40 million, through a special allocation to the SEZ Entity. The funding is utilised for the SEZ entity operations, specifically for the development of detailed engineering designs - required for the installation of the required bulk services. The Province and SEZ entity are also supported by Infrastructure South Africa (ISA), to assist with funding applications for bulk infrastructure. The SEZ entity will also be able to apply to **the dtic**'s SEZ Fund for top structure funding, if there is a need.

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