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Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 1913

Mr M Khoza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

Given the complete collapse of Dimbaza Industrial Park in the Eastern Cape, which is characterised by vandalised infrastructure, investor flight and the loss of over 1 500 jobs, what immediate, time-bound intervention plan has his department initiated to (a) restore operations, (b) secure the facility and (c) rebuild investor confidence? NW2126E

REPLY:

The Department, working with the Eastern Cape Provincial Government, the Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC), and the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM), has implemented a time-bound intervention plan focused on immediate stabilisation and long-term repositioning:

(a) Restoration of Operations and Stabilisation

Immediate projects have been implemented and are ongoing, focusing on restoring critical infrastructure—electricity, water supply, the wastewater treatment plant, security fencing, and perimeter control—as the first phase of the park revitalisation.

(b) Repositioning Through a Revised Masterplan

A revised Dimbaza masterplan, with defined timelines, is being implemented to fundamentally restructure the park in line with stimulated demand. This includes interventions to:

- Rezone and compartmentalise large, underutilised spaces into smaller, flexible units;
- Establish enterprise hubs, shared production facilities and services, and incubators;



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- Develop sector-focused zones aligned to realistic opportunities such as agro-processing, logistics, light manufacturing, and services.

(c) Stimulating Demand and Investment Facilitation (Currently Underway)

A key focus of the current phase is to actively stimulate demand, rebuild investor confidence, and attract investors through:

- Reintroduction of targeted incentives in partnership with municipalities, including utility support and rebates;
- Structured investor outreach linked to sector opportunities;
- Packaging of bankable investment opportunities aligned to district value chains;
- Encouraging private sector participation through PPP models such as Build-Operate-Transfer and anchor-tenant co-investment.

These measures are yielding increased investor interest and a pipeline of potential tenants.

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