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Department:
Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 5735

Mr M P Motubatse (MK) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

(1) Whether, with reference to the reported deterioration of the Ga-Rankuwa and Babelegi industrial parks managed by the North West Development Corporation (NWDC), and their potential to create employment and support entrepreneurship in Ga-Rankuwa, Hammanskraal and surrounding communities, his department has assessed the current condition and operational capacity of each park; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings regarding (a) infrastructure and essential services, (b) occupied and vacant factory premises, (c) businesses operating and (d) jobs sustained;

(2) what funded, time bound programme will his department implement, in collaboration with the NWDC, relevant provincial governments and the City of Tshwane of Metropolitan Municipality to (a) rehabilitate the parks and (b) attract productive investment;

(3) (a) what measurable targets have been set for youth employment, affordable premises for young entrepreneurs, skills development and access to finance and markets and (b) by what dates will the specified targets be achieved? NW6213E

REPLY:

(1) **the dtic** has prioritised revitalisation of conducive and feasible industrial infrastructure within the park. The exercise of park assessment takes place during the pre-application process to the Critical Infrastructure Programme (CIP) of **the dtic**, where verification and costing of the requested infrastructure components are conducted. The overall condition of both parks remains in dire need of a systematically

continuous upgrade and repositioning of internal cluster precinct, for appeal to conducive business functionality. Concurrent operational capacity development is undertaken through the assistance of the UNIDO sponsored programme, the GEIPP (Global Eco-Industrial Parks Programme), in partnership with **the dtic** industrial parks planning and policy development unit.

(a) Bulk infrastructure provision and essential services to tenant companies are adequately supplied, except where due interruptions are experienced arising from faulty network transmissions or resultant unfortunate incidents of cable theft, etc. The unoccupied broader parks factory spaces are highly degraded and need targeted upgrades and refurbishments.

(b) Ga-Rankuwa has 42-operating factory spaces and 101-vacant premises. Babelegi on the other hand has 62-occupied factories with 82-vacant premises. Noting the ongoing internal parks and factories occupancy survey that **the dtic** is currently undertaking in all prioritised parks, audited figures will be provided at the end of Q4 2026/27.

(c) As stated above, for Ga-Rankuwa, there are 42 registered businesses operating in the park, whilst Babelegi has 62 operational entities in the park. Further, Ga-Rankuwa industrial park accommodates several businesses in manufacturing, services, distributions and energy sectors. Babelegi is home to a variety of companies across sectors such as training, warehousing & distribution, manufacturing and services.

(d) Ga-Rankuwa and Babelegi have 2 014 and 1 779 jobs complement, respectively. There are also several MSMEs that employ people in the range of 20-employees each. These will also be verified and audited at the end of the current financial year, 2026/27.

(2) The revitalisation programme aims to:

(a) provide sustainable upgrade of bulk infrastructure for tenant investors, Skills & Artisans Incubation Centres for MSMEs – in order to meet adequate standards for water & sanitation, electricity, roads & storm water systems, waste and environmental obligations; and

(b) attract investors through sector targeted strategies for the electronics or White Goods Industry, the auto-mechanics, light-engineering and metals fabrication industry, amongst others in the current MTDP period ending in Q4 of 2029/30.

(3) (a) An estimated conservative number of 2000 jobs opportunities are expected to be generated from activities during infrastructure refurbishment and tenants' operations phases. Collaboration with Development Finance Institutions such as NEF, IDC, GGDA, TEDA and SEDFA, will be brought to assist activating youth and young entrepreneurial support for aspirant cohorts – with both financial and market access assistance.

(b) Measurable date for the set target is Q4 of 2029/30.

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