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## OR TAMBO SEZ RECORDS STRONG PROGRESS ON PRECINCT 2 INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

The OR Tambo Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is excited to report significant progress in infrastructure development at its Precinct 2 development, reaching a 40% completion rate. This achievement reflects the dedication of our project teams and partners in creating a world-class industrial environment.

### Key advancements include:

- Completion of mass earthwork excavations
- Installation of subsoil drainage and dump rock
- V-drain and road service installations
- Boundary wall construction
- Electrical works drilling

We remain committed to excellence, efficiency, and sustainable development, supporting South Africa's industrial goals. Updates will follow as we reach new milestones.



## SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES: IS SA'S INVESTMENT DELIVERING VALUE FOR MONEY?

On October 29, 2025, GIBS released a strategic analytical document commissioned by the OR Tambo SEZ to evaluate if South Africa's SEZ investment delivered value for money. The study by Dr. Francois Fouche highlighted mixed results, noting some successes in attracting investments and job creation but also significant challenges in the SEZ model.

### Key findings include:

- Success in certain zones in attracting investments.
- Limited success in broader industrialization.
- Only 6 SEZs benefit from a reduced corporate tax rate.
- R25bn spent with a R30bn return since the program's inception.

The report emphasizes the need for an investment-friendly environment and strategic collaboration to enhance economic resilience and growth.

## DEMONSTRATING EXCELLENCE AT THE SA INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPO

The OR Tambo SEZ is committed to advancing township-based enterprises on global stages. Recently, two OR Tambo SEZ-supported MSMEs represented the organization at the South African International Industrial Expo (SAIIE) from 23–25 October 2025 at the Sandton Convention Centre.

SAIIE, a leading industrial showcase, connects businesses with local and international manufacturers, suppliers, and decision-makers. The expo offers emerging businesses opportunities to form market connections and engage with potential buyers.

During the event, the OR Tambo Special Economic Zone highlighted Iketleng Mo Afrika and Thoko's Diamonds. Their participation demonstrated the quality of township-born brands, generating valuable business leads and sales opportunities. This success emphasizes the demand for locally produced goods in regional and international markets.

The OR Tambo SEZ continues to support initiatives that promote economic inclusion, business growth, and sustainable industrial development



## SEZ SUCCESS: FUELED BY COLLABORATION, NOT MERELY INFRASTRUCTURE!

Accelerating South Africa's Growth Through Exports.

On November 7, 2025, the OR Tambo SEZ participated in a seminar at the Houghton Hotel, focusing on the OR Tambo International Airport Special Economic Zone (ORTIA SEZ 2). Hosted by FNB South Africa and RMB, the seminar highlighted the zone's role in boosting exports, re-industrialization, job creation, and economic growth.

### Key insights from the seminar included:

- Increasing exports of domestically manufactured goods.
- Enhancing intra-African trade and global market access.
- Attracting foreign direct investment and accelerating re-industrialization.
- Generating sustainable jobs and fostering inclusive growth.





## OR TAMBO SEZ JOINS FORCES AT THE DEVAC SEZ SUMMIT

The OR Tambo Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and the GGDA partnered with SEALZED Group, the organisers of the 2025 DEVAC SEZ Summit to host the inaugural summit held in Durban on 03 and 04 December 2025. This summit which showcases collaboration between partners on sustainable economic advancement explored opportunities for economic growth across Africa through SEZs.

The partnership aimed to leverage SEZs to attract investment, improve infrastructure, and create jobs, fostering a thriving African economy.

Participants experienced a dynamic agenda with discussions and workshops by industry experts. These sessions explored strategies to optimize SEZ effectiveness, focusing on manufacturing, technology, and renewable energy. The summit encouraged knowledge sharing to open new economic progress paths and establish a unified framework for SEZ development in Africa.

### Key Dialogue Themes:

- Incorporating smart city planning into industrial development.
- Positioning SEZs as hubs for cross-sector FDI
- Boosting Africa's competitiveness through urban-industrial integration
- Enhancing collaboration across various sectors



# HONORING SOUTH AFRICA'S GOLD AND DIAMOND LEGACY AND KOFIFI/VINTAGE HERITAGE

On Thursday, 13 November 2025 the OR Tambo SEZ team held an event aimed at has curated the Superblock reception project which unveiled a space designed to educate, highlight history, and celebrate the evolving era in the precious metals sector.

This special event united the vibrant history and culture that shaped our nation. As we came together to celebrate the contributions of the gold and diamond industries, we also paid tribute to the spirit and resilience of those who were part of this journey from decades ago.

Participants were treated to a delightful blend of music, dance, and storytelling that captured the essence of Kofifi—a time when joy and creativity flourished despite challenges. The session featured a showcase of vintage fashion, reminiscent of the golden era, where elegance and style were truly cherished.



## OR TAMBO SEZ CHAMPIONED SUSTAINABILITY AT THE 2025 GREEN BUILDING CONVENTION



The OR Tambo Special Economic Zone (SEZ) participated in the 2025 Green Building Convention in Cape Town from November 11 to 13. This prominent event brought together sustainability stakeholders to discuss sustainable infrastructure. The convention covered topics like climate-resilient design and renewable energy, aligning with the SEZ's goals.

The SEZ team gained valuable insights and initiated the process to hire a sustainability consultant for Precinct 2 to integrate advanced practices into its development phase. This participation enhanced the SEZ's expertise and commitment to sustainable industrial infrastructure, supporting South Africa's green economy goals.

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO ANTICIPATE

### Gauteng Investment Conference



The Gauteng Investment Conference (GIC) is scheduled to take place on the 9th of April 2026, the GIC aims to showcase and demonstrate investment opportunities in Gauteng, foster collaboration, and deliberate on the ease of doing business within the Gauteng City Region. Visit the GIC website for more information <https://gic.ggda.co.za>