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At the recent Gauteng Infrastructure Investment Conference (GIIC) the Premier of Gauteng, Mr David Makhura, indicated that “over the next four years, together with national government, Gauteng provincial government and municipalities will spend more than R100 billion on infrastructure projects in the five development corridors of the Gauteng City region.

These projects would focus on the following: the rollout of public transport infrastructure; the rollout of broadband connectivity; broadening the energy mix; building mega human settlements and new cities; fast-tracking the development of the aerotropolis and new logistics nodes; revitalising old townships, mining towns and inner-cities; expanding social infrastructure (education, health and sporting facilities) and water and sanitation.”

The launch of the Gauteng Industrial Development Zone (GIDZ) located within the OR Tambo International Airport (as the centre of the OR Tambo International Aerotropolis) is one of the Re-industrialisation programs of the province.

The GIDZ aims to attract investors through a range of incentives including duty-free importation of production-related raw materials and inputs, reduced corporate income tax and VAT exemption in respect of exports manufactured in the Zone.

Speaking at the launch event MEC for Economic Development,

GIDZ charting a new course in investment for the Gauteng City Region

Lebogang Maile, indicated that, “The development should be seen as part of Gauteng’s plans to re-industrialise and chart a new course for the economy by supporting value adding, labour intensive and innovative industries, especially agro-processing, pharmaceuticals, electronics and automotive manufacturing which are part of the eleven sectors earmarked for government intervention over the next few years.

“The facility will support industrial development in the area and give practical expression to our

plans to turn Ekurhuleni into an Aerotropolis.

“It will also offer investors access to clustered infrastructure and its proximity to the OR Tambo makes it suitable for export-oriented production” said Maile.

The JMP is a green field project that will cater for mineral beneficiation, diamond cutting, polishing and trading as well as the light manufacturing for jewellery and other high end products.

As one of the world’s richest countries in mineral resources –



Mr David Makhura, Premier of Gauteng.

LEFT: Mzwandile Masina – Deputy Minister, Lebohlang Maile – MEC, Queen Duba – MMC – Ekurhuleni, Moses Makwakwa – MMC Finance – Ekurhuleni.

GGDA also holds expertise in designing large-scale projects, leveraging the necessary stakeholder and financial support and building the client base required to utilise the infrastructure.

In the more recent past the organisation has continued to boast successes in several subsidiaries including the Innovation Hub, Automotive Industry Development Company, Constitution Hill and now the Gauteng IDZ; by delivering the Gautrain, Nelson Mandela Bridge and the Newtown inner-city regeneration.

GGDA continues to leverage on its successes. In the past financial year alone GGDA facilitated just under R 1.3b of foreign and domestic direct investment into the Gauteng City Region.

In reflecting on these milestones Group CEO, Siphwe Ngwenya reflected, “We are positive that the province is ready to turn the tide! To revive the economy and return it to the high-growth trajectory seen in 2005 and 2007.

“He further stated that the Gauteng Provincial Government (GPG) has adopted a Ten (10) Pillar Programme that seeks to promote Transformation, Modernisation, and Reindustrialisation (TMR) of the economy aimed at ramping up public investment to expand or maintain vital infrastructure to fast track economic growth in the province that delivers more export of manufactured or benefited goods”.

with a natural comparative advantage estimated value of US\$2.5 trillion (at 2010 values); South Africa lags behind in mineral beneficiation and fabrication.

The plan to establish a JMP is intended to help address this and enhance support for the South African government’s national strategy to advance development in mineral beneficiation, by amongst others, optimising linkages in the mineral value chain, facilitating economic diversification and industrialisation.

To this end and in line with the mandate of the Gauteng IDZ Company, which is a subsidiary of the Gauteng Growth and Development Agency (GGDA), the GIDZ aims to increase employment opportunities through high value low mass freightable goods as well as foreign direct investment, for internationally-renowned niche & bespoke jewellery manufacturing and diamond cutting, polishing and trading.

This strategic positioning of the JMP has been defined, following research that confirms that in order

for the JMP to be globally competitive; its focus must be on niche and bespoke jewellery production that focuses on craftsmanship and high end quality, given that the South African jewellery manufacturing industry is small in scale – when compared to the traditional global players

On a strategic level, GGDA’s work is directed towards helping to grow Gauteng’s economy through the facilitation of trade and investment and increased strategic infrastructure investment.

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