## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

T the recent Gauteng Infra-

structure Investment Con-

of Gauteng, Mr David Makhura, indicated that "over the

next four years, together with na-

tional government, Gauteng provin-

cial government and municipalities

will spend more than R100 billion on

infrastructure projects in the five development corridors of the Gaut-

These projects would focus on the

following: the rollout of public

transport infrastructure; the rollout

of broadband connectivity; broaden-

ing 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; ex-

panding social infrastructure (edu-

cation, health and sporting facili-

dustrial Development Zone (GIDZ)

located within the OR Tambo Inter-

national Airport (as the centre of

the OR Tambo International Aero-

tropolis) is one of the Re-industrial-

vestors through a range of incen-

tives including duty-free importa-

tion of production-related raw

materials and inputs, reduced cor-

porate income tax and VAT exemp-

tured in the Zone.

The GIDZ aims to attract in-

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The launch of the Gauteng In-

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

"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 agroprocessing, pharmaceuticals, electronics and automotive manufacturing which are part of the eleven sectors earmarked for government intervention over the next few years.

tion in respect of exports manufac-"The facility will support indus-Speaking at the launch event trial development in the area and MEC for Economic Development, give practical expression to our

Lebogang Maile, indicated that, 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 - 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 industrialisa-

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 play-

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.

GGDA also holds expertise in designing large-scale projects, leveraging the necessary stakeholder and fi-

nancial 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 regenera-

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, Siphiwe 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

"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 beneficiated







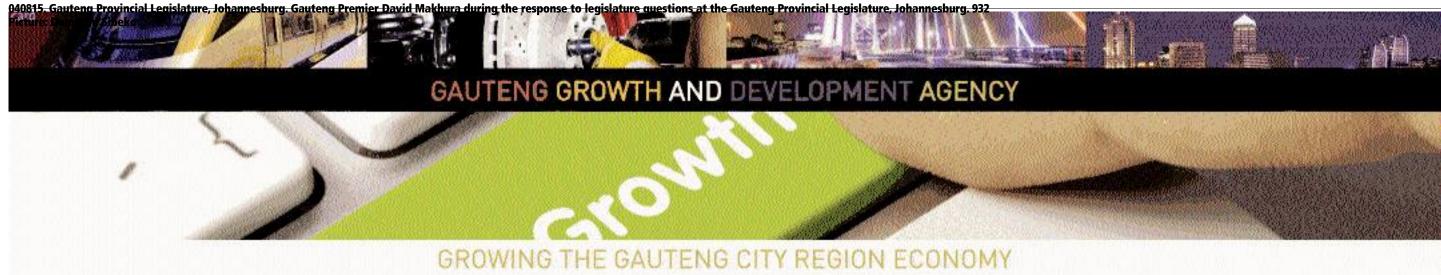


Mr David Makhura, Premier of Gauteng.

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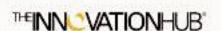
Deputy Minister, Lebohang Maile – MEC,

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