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South Africa's investment drive intensifies

s part of building "a South Africa we want", President Cyril Ramaphosa says government will intensify its already successful investment drive.

This will build on the R300 billion worth of investments announced during the 2018 inaugural Investment Conference. Of these, just over R250 billion worth of projects have entered implementation phase.

"We continue to build a pipeline of investments, which will be showcased at the second South African Investment Conference to be held on 5 to 7 November,"

said the President.

The President made the announcement at the State of the Nation Address (SoNA) held recently in Parliament.

President Ramaphosa had appointed investment envoys to search for investors with deep pockets last year.

The President's Special Envoys on Investment include finance heavyweights such as former Finance Minister Trevor Manuel, former Finance Deputy Minister Mcebisi Jonas, the executive chairperson of Afropulse Group, Phumzile Langeni and chairman of Liberty Group and former CEO of Standard Bank Jacko Maree.

"At a time of uncertainty, the work of the investment envoys has built important bridges between government and the business community. From their feedback, it is clear that much more still needs to be done to improve the investment climate," said the President.

This, he said, includes reviewing the way government coordinates work to resolve challenges faced by investors and reforming investment promotion policy and architecture.

The private sector has committed to invest R840 billion in 43 projects over 19 sectors and to creating

Infrastructure

In a bid to increase investment, government will prioritise infrastructure with its first step being the institutionalisation of the Infrastructure fund.

"We are working to institutionalise the fund, which will be managed by the Development Bank of Southern Africa, with the newly configured Department of Public Works and Infrastructure playing an oversight role," said the President.

The fund was announced in the previous SONA, fol-

155 000 jobs in the next five lowed up with government setting aside R100 billion to seed the Infrastructure Fund.

> The Fund includes a special package of financial and institutional measures to boost construction and prioritise water infrastructure, roads and student accommodation through a more efficient use of budgeted money.

> The President also expressed that government's new approach to infrastructure development will be based on stronger partnerships between the public and private sectors, and with local communities. SAnews.gov.za

Bonjiniyela labasasebancane betekudizayina imigwaco, emabhuloho, emadamu naletinye takhiwo bavula indlela leya kulikusasa lelijabulisako

IBHIZINISI LESANDZA kwetfulwa embonini yekwakha ihamba embili kulokunyenti: Iholwa ngulomsikati, iphetfwe ngulabamnyama futsi itimisele ngekufaka ligalelo kutemnotfo.

Silusapho Nyanda

antfu labasha lababili badalela lusha ematfuba emisebenti, loko kungenca yemalimboleko lebuya eKoporasi Yetekutfutfukisa Tetimboni (i-IDC).

Banikati beMaloka Machaba Surfacing, Kate Machaba naMatshela Maloka, bacashe bantfu labange-28, linyenti labo bantfu labasha, lapha ebhizinisini yabo yenhlanganisela yeludzaka lolumnyama lwelitiyela lesePolokwane.

Bobabili labonjiniyela labadizayina imigwaco, emabhuloho, emadamu naletinye takhiwo baneminyaka lenge-32 budzala, banelutsandvo lolukhulu lwekutfutfukisa umnotfo.

Lebhizinisi isita ngaloku lokutsatfu lokumcoka: kukhicita, kuyila umgwaco ngenhlanganisela yeludzaka lolumnyama lwelitiyela kanye nekutfutsa lenhlangisela yeludzaka lolumnyama lwelitiyela lolushisako nalolubandzako.

Inhlangisela yeludzaka lolu-

mnyama lolushisako lwelitiyela lusetjentiswa kakhulu ekwakheni sikontiyela semigwaco bese kutsi inhlanganisela yeludzaka lolumnyama lwelitiyela lolubandzako lona lusetjentiselwa kulungisa nekuvala tigojana emigwaceni. Totimbili letinhlanganisela teludzaka lolumnyama lolushisako nalolubandzako tibhicwa esikhungwenimkhicito salenkampani bese luphuma nesitifiketi sekutsi selulungile lesibuva elabhorethi iMocha Labs yabonjiniyela lehlola loko.

Maloka, losisebenti lesikhulu seMaloka Machaba Surfacing, watsi imalimboleko yaka-IDC yabasita ngekutsi bakhone kutsenga umshini lokhetsekile lodzingekako kusebenta lenhlanganisela yeludzaka lolumnyama lwelitiyela, lokufaka ekhatsi emaloli, labakha emacadzi, tingcingco nebasa-

Kufaka sicelo semalimboleko yaka-IDC

Sicelo semalimboleko salenkampani sahamba sengca kutinchubo letinengi njengebhizinisi



Umphatsi we-IDC wesigodzi saseLimpopo Kgampi Bapela kanye nebanikati be-MM Surfing Kate Machaba na Matsela Maloka.

leyelekelelwa ngetimali. Machaba, losisebenti lesikhulu setemisebenti, watsi, kwadzingeka kutsi batfule lisu lekuchuba lebhizinizi lelicwaningwe kahle kakhulu ngesikhatsi bafaka lesicelo sekubolekwa imali.

"Yenta siciniseko sekutsi ulwentisisa kahle lucwaningo lwaleyo mboni lofuna kungena kuyo," kwasho yena, angeta ngekutsi bosomabhizinisi kufanele kutsi bakhumbule kutsi imalimboleko, yimali lekufanele kutsi ikhokhelwe.

IMaloka Machaba Surfacing isendleleni leya emphumelelweni ngenca yelusito lelutfole kubaka-IDC.

Ticelo tekusitwa ngemali tingentiwa kuwebhusayithi yaka-IDC nome emahhovisi abo. Labafaka ticelo lenhlangano ibeluleka kutsi bente siciniseko sekutsi ticelo tabo tihamba nawo onkhe emadokhumenti lafanele. Nangabe baka-IDC sebasitfolile sicelo sakho,

bayasho kutsi basitfolile sicelo futsi bangamcela lowo lofake sicelo kutsi abatfumelele lwatiso lolwengetiwe nome emadokhumenti.

Baka-IDC bakuphendvula ngencwadzi kukwatisa kutsi sicelo sakho sihambe njani. Nangabe baka-IDC banetiseka ngekutsi tonkhe timfanelo talenkampani tiliciniso, lowo lofake sicelo utawucelwa kutsi asayine ikontileka yemalimbo-

Skills development crucial for economic growth

More Matshediso

kills development made it to the list when President Cyril Ramaphosa outlined the top seven priorities of the sixth administration during the State of the Nation Address (SoNA)

He read out 'education, skills and health' to be the second priority of government after 'economic transformation and job creation'.

The President said government will expand South Africa's high tech industry by ensuring that the legal and regulatory framework promotes innovation, scaling up skills development for young people in new technologies, and reducing data costs.



"Wherever we have gone young people have continuously raised the issue of the excessive high data costs in South Africa," said the President.

The President said he was aware of how data costs in the country affect youth's participation, skills development and contribution to the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

Broadly speaking, 4IR speaks

to the changes that are taking place in technology. These changes bring a new way of thinking in terms of how technology is used at work, for everyday use and how people relate with one another.

He said within the next month, the Minister of Communications will issue the policy direction to the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) to commence the spectrum licensing

"This process will include measures to promote competition, transformation, inclusive growth of the sector and universal access," he said.

"This is a vital part of bringing down the costs of data, which is essential both for economic development and for unleashing opportunities for young people," he added.

The President also called on the telecommunications industry further to bring down the cost of data so that it is in line with other countries in the world.

Paid workplace experience

Government will expand its

programmes to enable young people to gain paid workplace experience through initiatives like the Youth Employment Service, and also facilitating work-based internships for graduates of technical and vocational programmes.

President Ramaphosa said government will continue to develop programmes to ensure that economically excluded young people are work ready and absorbed into sectors where 'jobs demand' is growing.

These sectors include global business processing services, agricultural value chains, technical installation, repair and maintenance and new opportunities provided through the digital economy and the fourth industrial revolution.

Umakhi webucwebe (ijuwelali) beligolide utentela imali lenhle kulebhizinisi

UMAKIII LOMNCANE webucwebe begolide waseLimpopo wetsemba kutsi utakwetfula luhlelo lwetifundvo letitawufundwwa ngemuva kwekuphuma kwesikolo aceceshe emaciko emisebenti yetandla bucwebe.

Silusapho Nyanda

la eSeda Lim-

lgaugelo Molope (24) uchubeka njalo Ingekwenta ncono emakhono akhe ekwakha bucwebe ngekutsi adizayine lokusha. tsi liloteke licoliseke kahle... Lomakhi wetintfo tegolide wase-Polokwane, losebente-

bucwebe bakhe.

popo Jewellery Incubator (i-SLJI), utsi emaciko emisebenti yetandla afanele kutsi asebentele njalo kwenta ncono umsebenti wawo wetandla nekutfutfukisa emakhono lamasha. "Sikhatsi senta likhono ku-

Likhono lami njenganyalo njengamakhi wetintfo tegolide litfutfukiswa kutsi ngicitsa sikhatsi lesingakanani ekwenteni leyo ntfo. Kantsi-ke futsi, ngonga kakhulu loko lokudlekako kuphele. Lawo-ke ngulawo mathulusi

Umnikati we-KG Jewellery Kaugelo Molope kanye nalobunye

laphukako nome laphela masinyane. Ngiwasebentisa kancane kakhulu," kuchaza yena njalo.

Kusukela ngemnyaka wa-2015 kuya ku-2017 Molope waceceshwa njengamakhi webucwebe begolide e-Italy, loko kwaba ngenca yemfundzate we-Mining Qualifications Authority (i-MQA) nemfundzate weSikhwama saVelonkhe seMakhono lovela kuLitiko Letemfundvo Lephakeme

Emva kwekuphotfula tifundvo takhe teminyaka lemibili ngesheya kwetilwandle, wase sewucedzela luhlelo lwekuceceshwa e-State Diamond Trader.

"Le-MQA yanika bafundzi umfundzate wekuyowufundza e-Italy... Emva kwaloko, i-MQA yasebenta ngekuhlanganyela neState Diamond Trader, lokungiyo leyasisita ngetimali kuceceshwa nekukhonjwa indlela

yekwenta lomsebenti

lapha eNingizimu Afrika," kwasho yena.

Sitifiketi sakhe sekuhweba simsita kutsi asebente njengamakhi wetintfo tegolide, lonesicu semfundvo sekwakha bucwebe begolide lesihlonishwa kakhulu kulelive lakitsi.

Ngaphandle kwe-SLJI ibhizinisi yakhe beyingeke ibe khona, ngobe bekangeke abenayo imitfombolusito ledzingekako nakasebenta. "I-SLJI ingisita ngemlilo, lokuyintfo lemcoka ekukhiciteni," kwasho yena njalo Molope, losebentisa isiliva, insimbi lebitwa ngekutsi boya bendlovu kanye netinsimbi letiligugu kute akhe bucwebe bakhe.

Lomlilo Molope lawudzingako kutsi uncibilikise loko lakusebentisako ufanele kutsi ushise ufike ezingeni lekushisa lelingema-celcius la-1 000.

Molope utsengisa imikhicito yakhe ngekukhulumisana nebantfu kanye nangekusebentisa tinkhundla tekuchumana.

Macondzana nelikusasa, uhlose kusungula sikhungo sekutfutfukisa emakhono kute aceceshe emaciko lasebenta ngetandla lafuna kungena kulomkhakha wekudizayina bucwebe. "Ngilinga kucala luhlelo lwekufundza ngemuva kwekuphuma kwesikolo ngiceceshe emaciko emisebenti yetandla," kwasho yena njalo.

UTSI NJE BEWATI?

Umfundzate we-MQA wentelwe bafundzi lasebavele babhalisile emanyuvesi, emakolishi eTifundvo tebuciko Yemisebenti Yetandla Nekucecesha (e-TVET), kanye nasemanyuvesi etheknoloji.

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