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South Africa's investment drive intensifies

As 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 155 000 jobs in the next five years. SAnews.gov.za

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Abosonjiniyere Abasesebatjha Bama-vulandlela Wekusasa Elikarisako

IBHIZINISI ehlonzwe mhlapha ebubulweni lezokwakha iphumelela emikhakheni eminingi. Iphethwe bomma, idoswa phambili babantu abanzima begodu inqophe ukufaka isandla emnothweni.

Silusapho Nyanda

Abantu abatjha ababili bavulela ilutjha imisebenzi ngesizo lemali ebolekwako ye-Koporasi yokuThuthukiswa kwamaBubulo (i-IDC).

Abanikazi be-Maloka Machaba Surfacing, u-Kate Machaba no-Matshela Maloka, baqatjhe abantu abama-28, inengi labo kulilutjha, ebhizinisini yabo yokwenza isikontiri ema-ofisini we-Polokwane.

Bobabili babosonjiniyere bezokwakha begodu ngamunye wabo uneminyaka ema-32, banekareko yokuthuthukisa zomnotho.

Ibhizinisi yabo inikela ngemisebenzi emikhakheni emithathu: ukukhiqiza isikontiri, ukusithela phasi nokuthutha i-asfalthe etjhisako nemakhaza.

Ihlanganisela ye-asfalthe etjhisako isetjenziswa kezo-kwakha iindlela zeskontiri kanti emakhaza isetjenziselwa ukuvala imigodi eendleleni. Yomibili imihlobo ye-asfalthe

etjhisako nemakhaza zihlanganiswa ezikweni lekhamphani le begodu kukhutjha isitifikeyidi semvumo esivela elabhorathri yabosonjiniyere i-Mocha Labs.

UMaloka, omPhathi oyihloko we-Maloka Machaba Surfacing, wathi imali ebolekwako ye-IDC yabasiza bathenga imithini efunekako yokusebenza nge-asfalthe, kufaka hlangana amatrogo, amatrogo wokuthela, woku-gangadela newokuthutha i-asfalthe isiwe kezinye iiyingi.

Ukwenza Isibawo Semalimboleko Kwa-IDC

Isibawo sokubolekwa imali esenziwa yikhamphani le sahlaziywa liphiko lezokubolekisa ngemali kumabhizinisi. U-Machaba, omPhathi oPhezulu wezemisebenzi, wathi kufuze baveze iqhinga lebhizinisi elirhujululwe ngokungeneleleko nabenza isibawo semali ebolekwako. Wathi, “Qinisekisa bonyana



Umphathi we-IDC ye-Limpopo u-Kgampi Bapela ajame nabanikazi be-MM Surfacing u-Kate Machaba no-Matshela Maloka.

na wenze irhubhululo lakho ngokudephileko lomkhakha ofuna ukungena kiwo,” wangezelela ngokuthi abosomabhizinisi kufuze bakhumbule bonyana imali leyo ingeyokubolekwa begodu kufuze ibuyiswe.

I-Maloka Machaba Surfacing isendleleni eya epumelelweni ngesizo elifumene kwa-IDC.

Iimbawo zesekele leemali zingathunyelwa ngokusebenzisa ubunzinzolwazi be-IDC nofana zilethwe ema-ofisini we-IDC. Abenzi beembawo balulekwa yihlangano bonyana baqinisekise bona iimbawo zabo zinemininingwana yoke efunekako. Lokha i-IDC ifumana isibawo, ithumela umbiko otjhoko bonyana

na isibawo sifikile begodu kungenzeka babawe eminye iminingwana etlhayeleko.

I-IDC iyaphendula ngokukutlolela mayelana nomphumela wesibawo. Nayikuthi i-IDC iyaneliswa ngokusebenza kwebhizinisi elithile, umenzisibawo ukhonjelwa ukutlikitla ikontraka yemali ebolekwako. SAnews.gov.za

Skills development crucial for economic growth

More Matshediso

Skills 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 process.

"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. **V**

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Umkhizizi Wejuwelari Ubethe Ibhagana Kezamazhizini

UMKHIQIZI WOBUKHAZIKHAZI BEGOLIDE osesemutjha we-Limpopo uhlela ukuhloma ihlelo lokubandula abakhizizi nabosomakghono azababandulela ukwenza imikhizizo yejuwelari.

Silusapho Nyanda

U-Kgaugelo Molope (oneminyaka emahlanu) uhlala njalo akhuphula amakghonofundwakhe ngokukhiziza amadizayini amatjha ahlukahlukene-ko wobukhazikhazi.

Umkhizizi wezenjiwa ze-golide



Umninibubulo i-KG Jewellery u-Kgaugelo Molope aKhangisa ngemikhizizwakhe yegolide.

lo we-Limpopo, osebenzela ezikweni le-Seda Limpopo Jewellery Incubator (i-SLJI), uthi kufuze abakhizizi basebenzele ukwenza ngcono ubukghwari babo baveze namakghonofundwa amatjha.

"Isikhathi ngiso esikhaliphisa ikghono... Ikghonolaminjenganye njengomkhizizi wezenjiwa zegolide lithuthuka qobe nangenza umkhizizo ngamunye obukhazikhazi. Ngahlanye ngizisebenzisa ngeqophelelo zoke iinsetjenziswa ezitlhogeka kilomse-

benzi. Lezi ziinsetjenziswa ezephuka nofana eziphela msinyana, ngalokho kuyatlhogeka bona ngizisebenzise ngokukhulu ukutjheja.

Ukusukela ngomnyaka we-2015 ukufikela kwe-2017 u-Molope wabandulwa njengomenzi wejuwelari e-Italy ngesizo lomfundalizi we-Mining Qualifications Authority (i-MQA) nomfundalizi wesiKhwama samaKghono seliZwelo somNyango wezeFundo ePhakemeko nokuBandula.

Ngemva kokuqeda iimfundo zakhe zeminyaka emibili ngaphetjheya, wangezelela ngehlelo lokubandulwa lakwa-State Diamond Trader.

Wathi, "I-MQA isiza abafundi ngomfundalizi wokuyokufunda e-Italy — Ngemva kwalokho, i-MQA yabambisana ne-State Diamond Trader esekela ngeemali ibandulo lomsebenzi

ngeSewula Afrika".

Isitifikeyidi sakhe somsebenzi simvumela ukusebenza njengomkhizizi wezenjiwa zegolide, ekuziziqu eziphake-meko zokwenza imikhizizo yezenjiwa elizweni loke.

Ngaphandle kwesizo le-SLJI ibhizini lakhe belingeze laba yipumelelo, njengombana bekangekhe abe neensetjenziswa ezidingekako. "I-SLJI ingisiza ngomlilo, oqakatheke khulu kilomkhizizo," kwatjho u-Molope, osebenzisa isiliva, uboya bendlovu namatjana abukhazikhazi nakenza ijuwelari yakhe.

Umlilo odingwa ngu-Molope ukuncithikisa imatheriyali ayisebenzisako utjhiswa ukufikela ezingeni le-1 000 °C.

U-Molope uthengisa imikhizizwakhe ngokutjela abantu nakahlangana namkha acoca nabo nangokutlola emakhasini wethungelelwano lamacoco.

Mayelana nokuhlelela ikusasa lakhe, unqophele uku-

thoma iziko lokuthuthukiswa kwamakghonofundwa wokubandula abasebenzi abafuna ukungenela ibizelo lokwenza ijuwelari. Wabeka wathi, "Ngizama ukuthoma iimfundobandulo ezizakuragwa nakuphuma isikolo khona ngizakubandula abakhizizi nabosomakghono". **V**

UTHI BEWAZI BONA?

Umfundalizi we-MQA uyatholakala kubafundi abatlolise emayunivesithi, emaKholiji weFundo yeThekhnikhali namaKghono (i-TVET) nemayunivesithi wethekhnoloji.

Ukufumana ilwazi elinabileko ngomfundalizi we-MQA, dosela ku: 011 547 2600.