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# Limpopo Investment Prospectus 2025

# Content Outline

# Abbreviations & acronyms

| | |
|---|---|
| ***AfCFTA*** | Africa Continental Free Trade Area |
| ***CSIR*** | Council for Scientific and Industrial Research |
| ***COVID 19*** | Coronavirus disease |
| ***DBSA*** | Development Bank of Southern Africa |
| ***dtic*** | Department of Trade, Industry and Competition |
| ***FTSEZ*** | Fetakgomo Tubatse Special Economic Zone |
| ***GAAL*** | Gateway Airport Authority Limpopo |
| ***GDP*** | Gross Domestic Products |
| ***IDC*** | Industrial Development Corporation |
| ***LDARD*** | Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development |
| ***LDP*** | Limpopo Development Plan |
| ***LEDA*** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency |
| ***LEDET*** | Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism |
| ***LIC*** | Limpopo Investment Conference |
| ***LCX*** | Limpopo Connexion |
| ***LTA*** | Limpopo Tourism Agency MMSEZMusina-Makhado Special Economic Zone |
| ***QLFS*** | Quarterly Labor Force Survey |
| ***PGM*** | Platinum Group Metals |
| ***SADC*** | South African Development Community |
| ***SEZ*** | Special Economic Zone |
| ***SSA*** | Sub Saharan Africa |
| ***TIPS*** | Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies |

# Foreword
## by the Premier

**LIMPOPO PROVINCE - Dr Phophi Ramathuba**

As the Premier of Limpopo, I am honoured to serve in the 7th administration of our vibrant province, upholding our shared aspirations and collective future. Our focus on strategic investment growth and industrialisation remains central to our agenda for inclusive economic development, as embodied in the Limpopo Development Plan (LDP) 2025-2030. This blueprint is designed to guide our province towards sustainable growth, economic resilience and social upliftment.

Limpopo is rich in natural resources, positioning us as a key contributor to South Africa's economic growth and industrialisation efforts. While our contribution to the national GDP has increased from 7.2% to 7.7%, we still grapple with a high unemployment rate of 35%. To leverage our competitive advantages in essential sectors like agriculture and mining and to capitalise on our strategic location as a gateway to Africa, we must rethink our approach and refine our industrialisation strategies.

Traditionally reliant on primary industries, Limpopo is now moving towards a beneficiation economy, creating value-added commercial solutions that promote industrialisation. By tapping into the opportunities afforded by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), we aim to present Limpopo as an attractive destination for both Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Domestic Direct Investment (DDI). To this end, in May 2025, we hosted an international economic investment roundtable to reassess our international relations and investment strategies, ensuring they align with our goal of sustainable economic growth.

The Limpopo Provincial Government has continually organised the Limpopo Investment Conference (LIC) as a premier platform to showcase our province as an enticing investment destination. This conference connects businesses and investors with dynamic opportunities within Limpopo and serves as a vital venue for engaging with key industry players. The upcoming 5th Limpopo Provincial Investment Conference, scheduled for October 30-31, 2025, will follow the South African Investment Conference hosted by President Cyril Ramaphosa. This event reflects our province's resilience and ambition, as we gather significant interest in investment despite global economic challenges.

Under the theme “Limpopo Rising - Africa's New Investment Frontier,” the LIC aims to solidify our position as a leading investment and tourism destination. Our commitment to inclusive economic growth is unwavering, as we articulate a compelling value proposition tailored for potential investors across traditional and emerging sectors.

As part of our investment initiative, I am pleased to present the Limpopo Investment Book 2025. This booklet showcases over R32 billion (USD 1.8 billion) in investment opportunities across various sectors, including mining, agriculture, light manufacturing, automotive, digital technologies, real estate development and tourism.

We are dedicated to fostering private sector investment through a comprehensive strategic plan that emphasises inclusive growth. Government, at all levels, plays a crucial role in creating an enabling environment that streamlines business operations and supports long-term growth. Our InvestSA Limpopo One-Stop Shop is a testament to this commitment, facilitating investment processes and providing specialized advisory services to simplify the business landscape.

Together, we are ready to explore new investment frontiers and opportunities in Limpopo. Let us build a thriving and sustainable economic future for all.

*Dr Phophi Ramathuba*

# INTRODUCTION

## PURPOSE OF THE INVESTMENT PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is a comprehensive guide for investors seeking opportunities in Limpopo's dynamic and growing economy. It offers valuable insights into the province's investment landscape, economic structure, and high-growth sectors. The aim is to enable potential investors to understand the scope and opportunities of the key development sectors, including specific projects currently planned or underway and which are actively looking for partners.

We hope this publication offers an inspiring glimpse into the exciting opportunities that await you in Limpopo – the gateway to Southern Africa.

# Limpopo at A glance

Limpopo is one of South Africa's nine provinces and is located in the northern tip of the country bordering Botswana in the west, Mozambique in the east and Zimbabwe in the north. The province provides easy access to Sub-Saharan Africa and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) with 380 million people.

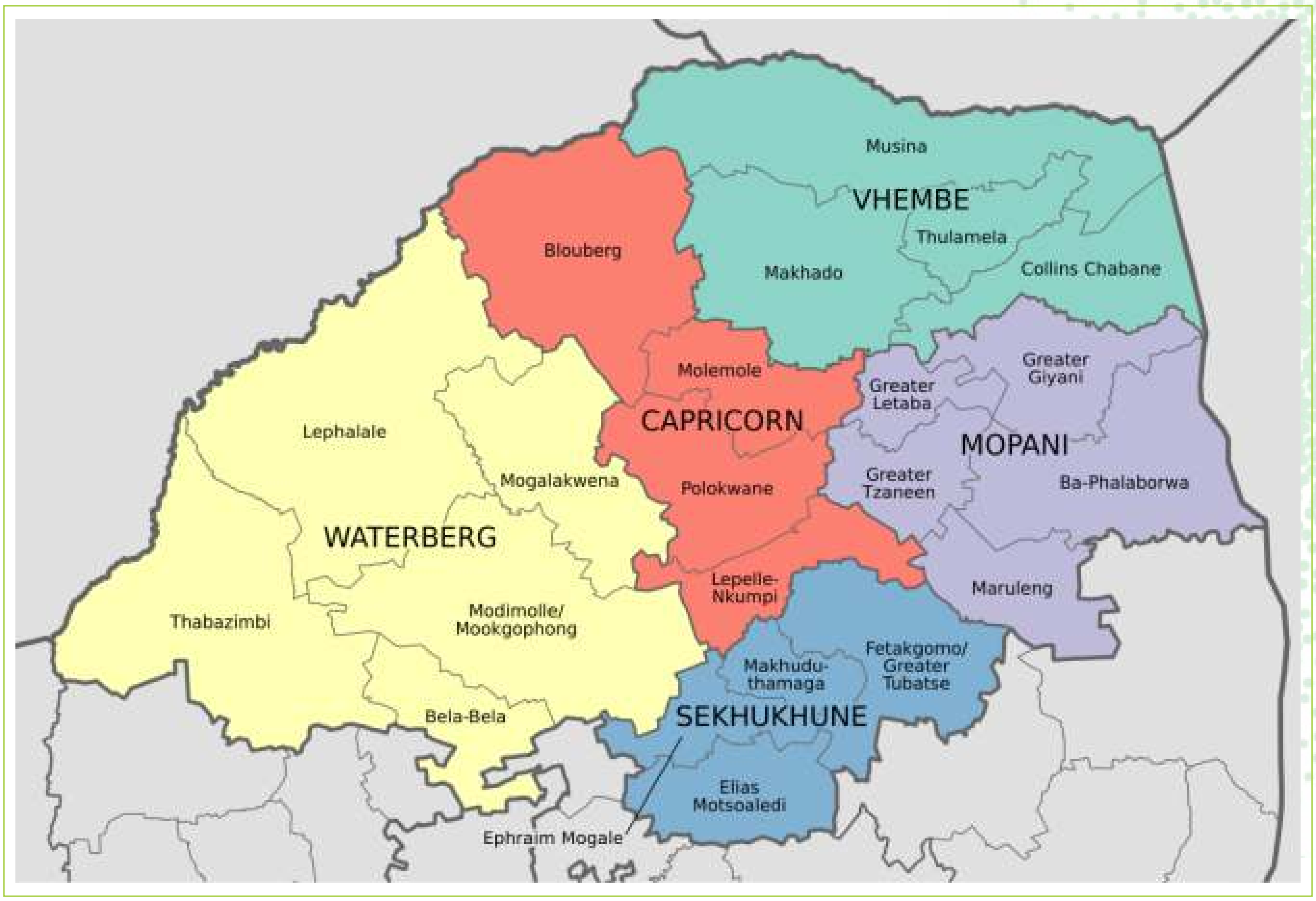
The economy of Limpopo is primarily anchored by resource-based industries such as mining, agriculture and tourism, which serve as its main economic drivers. Mining is dominant and rich in minerals such as the platinum group metals, chrome and coal. Agriculture is significant, with the province being a key producer of citrus, subtropical fruits, macadamia, tomatoes and potatoes.

The tourism sector is also a major pillar, driven by the province's natural and cultural heritage, including world-famous sites such as the Kruger National Park and Mapungubwe.

The province has five municipal districts:

- Capricorn
- Mopani
- Sekhukhune
- Vhembe
- Waterberg

Limpopo has three major state-owned entities to drive economic development:
The Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA), the Limpopo Gambling Board and the Limpopo Tourism Agency (LTA).



# Limpopo
## *in numbers*

**OFFICIAL NAME:**
**LIMPOPO PROVINCE**

**PROVINCIAL PREMIER**
**Dr. Phophi Ramathuba**

**ADMINSTRATION**

**CAPITAL CITY: POLOKWANE**
**5 District Municipalities**
**22 Local Municipalities**

**POPULATION:**
6.500 000

**AREA**
125 755km²

**POPULATION DENSITY**
43.56 people per km

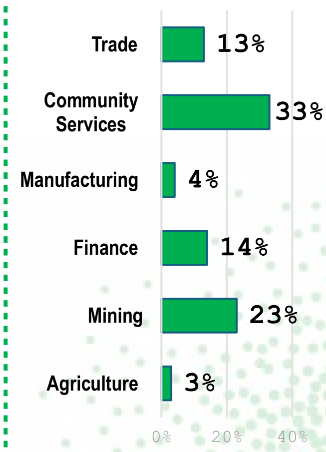
Share of Nation GDP
**7.8%**
Total Limpopo Real GDP
(R million – end of 2024)
**R527 billion**

Total SA Real GDP
(R million – end of 2024)
**R4,613.2 billion**

Limpopo GDP Growth (2024)
**0.2%**

South Africa Growth Rate
(2024)
**0.6%**

**GDP SECTOR CONTRIBUTION**
(2024)




**LIMPOPO UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:**
35%

**SOUTH AFRICA UNEMPLYMENT RATE:**
33.2%

**ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH RATER**
1%

**GINI COEFFICIENT (2023)**
**LIMPOPO: 0.60**
**SOUTH AFRICA: 0.67**

**TOP FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY SECTORS**

**Mining, Tourism, Agriculture, Manufacturing Transport Equipment, Information Communication Technology and Renewable energy**

**EMPLOYMENT**
**1 500 000**
number of people employed

**LABOUR MARKET**
**8.2%**
Of national employment

**NUMBER OF SEZ BEING DEVELOPED**
**2**

**NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES:**
**2**

**NUMBER OF TVET COLLEGES:**
**7**

**NUMBER OF AIRPORTS**

- Polokwane International Airport
- Hoedspruit Airport

Mild to hot temperature ranging from 0–15° C (32–59° F) in winter and 20–40° C (68–104° F) in summer. Temperature is divided into 21 zones, with an average of 8 0° C and 26° C in contrasting seasons.

· Summer (September – April)

· Winter (April – August)

· Annual rainfall <500 – >1 900 mm

Source: Statistics SA

# *Limpopo Economic* Outlook

## Province economic performance and growth

Limpopo plays a significant role in South Africa's economy due to its strong primary industries, which include a large contribution to national agriculture and mining. Its comparative advantage as an investment destination stems from its significant output of citrus, subtropical fruits and vegetables, rich mineral deposits of platinum group metals, chrome, and coal, and potential for growth in agro-processing, mining beneficiation, and renewable energy.

From the recent 2025 report of Statistics South Africa, Limpopo is ranked the 4th largest contributor to South Africa's GDP, accounting 7.8% in 2024 (Figure 1).

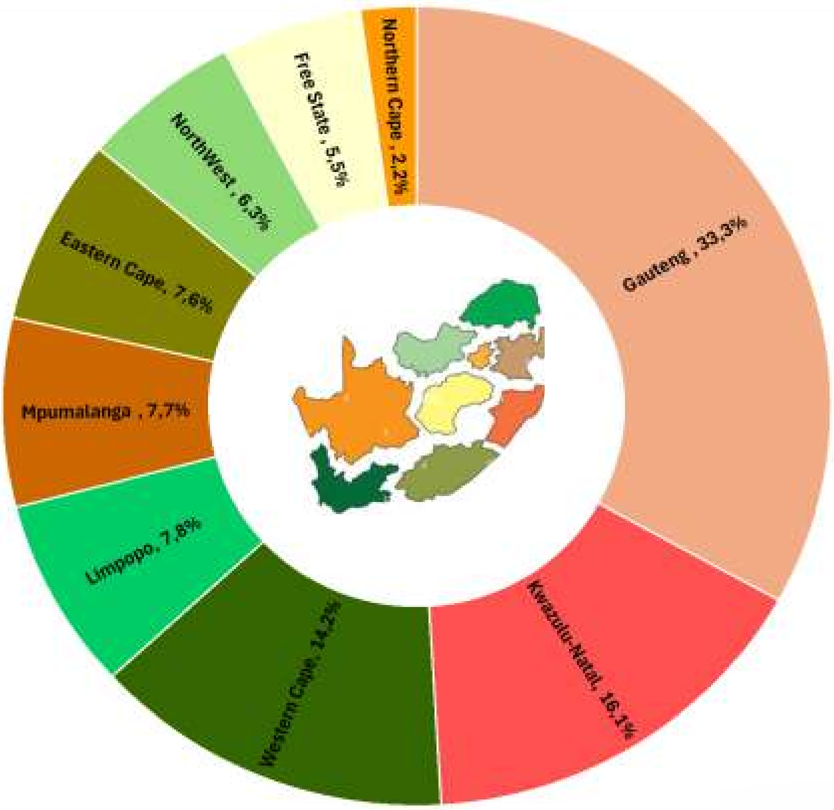



Figure 1: South Africa Provincial GDP, 2024

According to the SA GDP per province data for 2024, released by Statistics SA (Stats SA) in September 2025, Limpopo Province was the best performing economy in South Africa in 2024, with the strongest growth rate of 0, 9% (figure 2) n, while national real GDP increased by 0,5% in 2024 compared with 2023.

The province's economic growth was driven by sectors like finance, personal services, and utilities, though mining and agriculture is its largest industries. Limpopo's GDP has remained stable in its contribution over recent years.

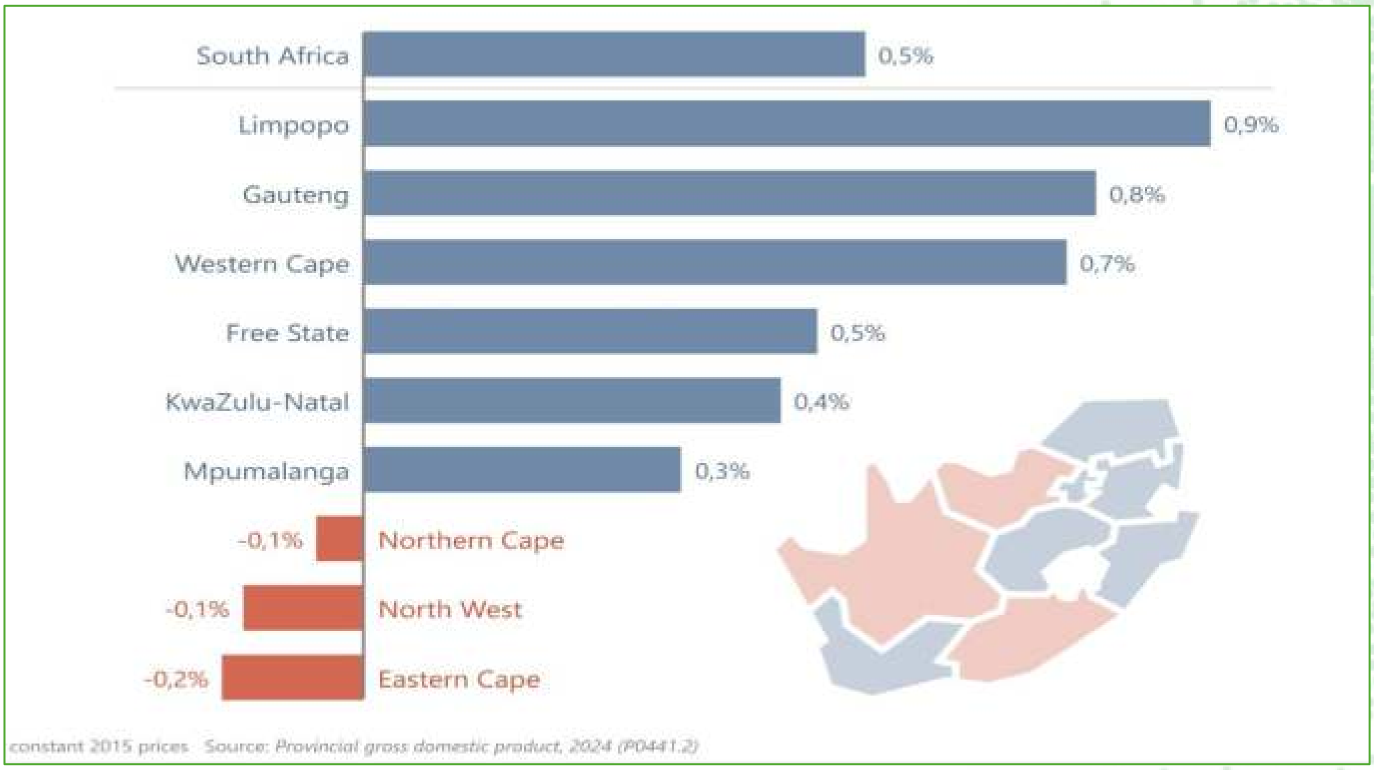
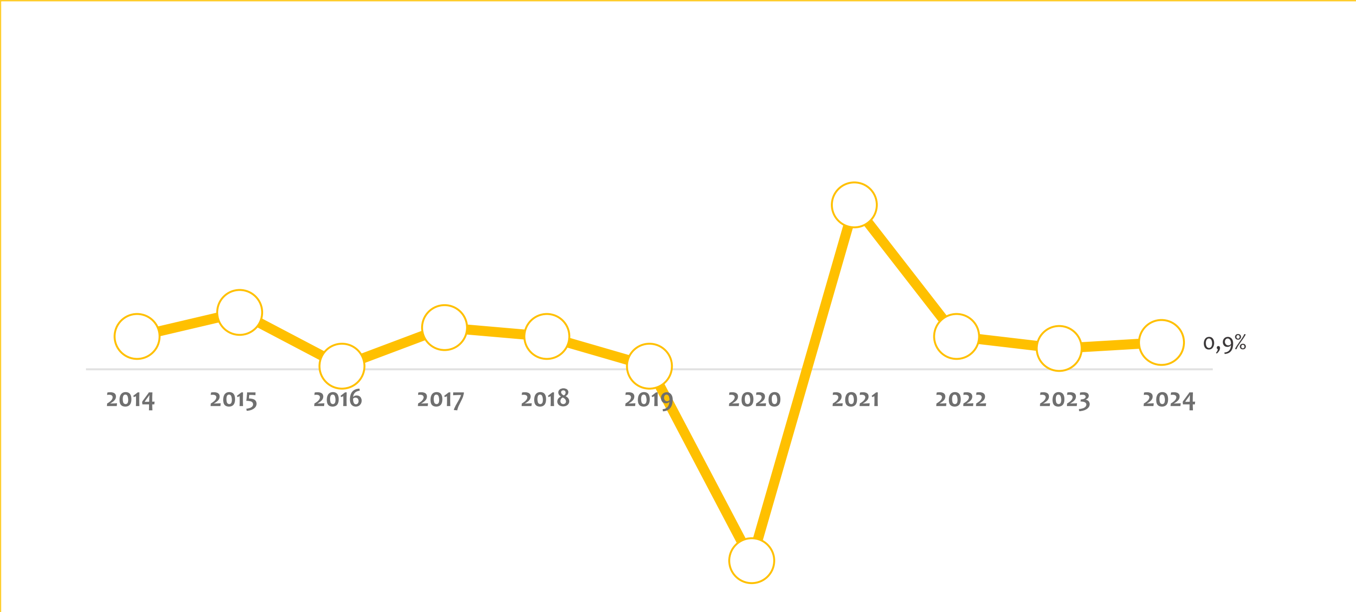



**Figure 2.** South Africa Provincial GDP growth Rate, 2024

## Limpopo's GDP has remained steady and low over recent years due to sluggish economic activities (figure 3)

**Figure 3.** Limpopo's economic growth compared to the rest of the economy, 2014 – 2024



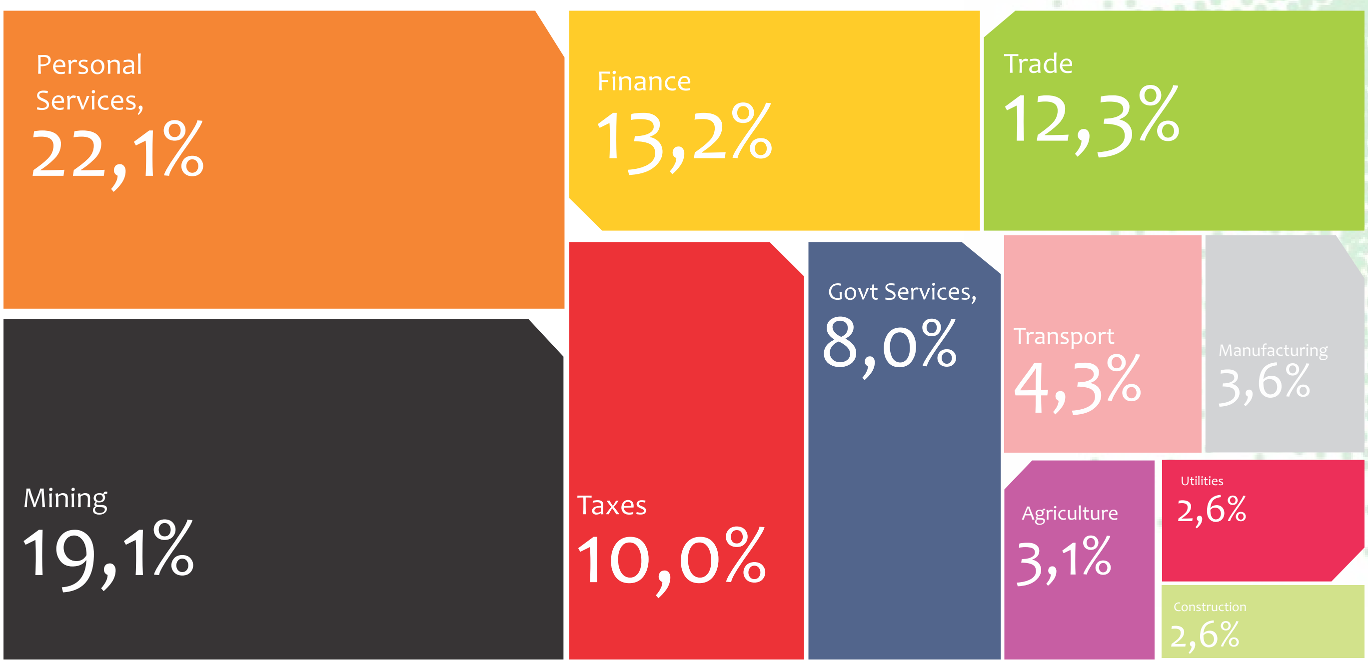

Source: [www.statssa.co.za, 2025](http://www.statssa.co.za)

LDP 2025-2030 has projected that by 2030 the province should be prosperous i.e. it aims to eradicate poverty and reduce inequality. To achieve this, the province needs to grow its economy by 2.2% averaged over five years and create about 520 000 new jobs.

### Provincial economic structure

The province's diversified economic structure features leading sectors that drive sustainable growth. In 2024 personal services were the largest contributor (22,1%), followed by mining (19,1%), government services including taxes (18%), Finance (13,2%), Trade (12%), Transport (4,3%), manufacturing (3,6%), agriculture (3,1%), Utilities (2,6%) and construction (1,7%). Within this broad economic structure, mining , agriculture and manufacturing , supported by tourism remain key sectors that support province resilience to attract both domestic and foreign direct investment flows.

**Figure 4:** Provincial Economic Structure 2024



Limpopo is home to 6.5 million people. It is the fifth most populous province, accounting for 10% of the national population. Limpopo's population has been growing at an average of 1% per year, characterized by a youthful demographic with a median age of 24. This demographic profile is an asset, vital for fostering innovation, driving consumer demand, and enhancing economic productivity within the province.

Nevertheless, challenges persist, including high **unemployment rates (35%),** significant income inequality **(Gini coefficient of 0.57)**, this highlights strategic policy areas and targeted investment to address triple challenge of poverty, inequality and unemployment. These structural challenges call for a focused action in areas such as education, skills development, and inclusive economic policies to overcome structural challenges and foster sustainable long-term growth and stability in the province.

**Employment and Labour Market Strength**

According to Statistics South Africa's second Quarterly Labour Force Survey (QLFS), 2025, Limpopo's significant labour market of roughly **1.5 million people**, contributing about 10% **of South Africa's total employment (16 807 000)** (figure 5), is a key component of the national economy, particularly in mining and agriculture. Employment is mainly driven by primary industries in the **Mopani, Vhembe, Sekhukhune, and Waterberg** districts, while the tertiary and secondary sectors, such as services, manufacturing, and wholesale, are concentrated in the provincial economic hub of **Polokwane within the Capricorn district.**

Figure 5: Number of people employed per Provinces (000'), Q2-2025

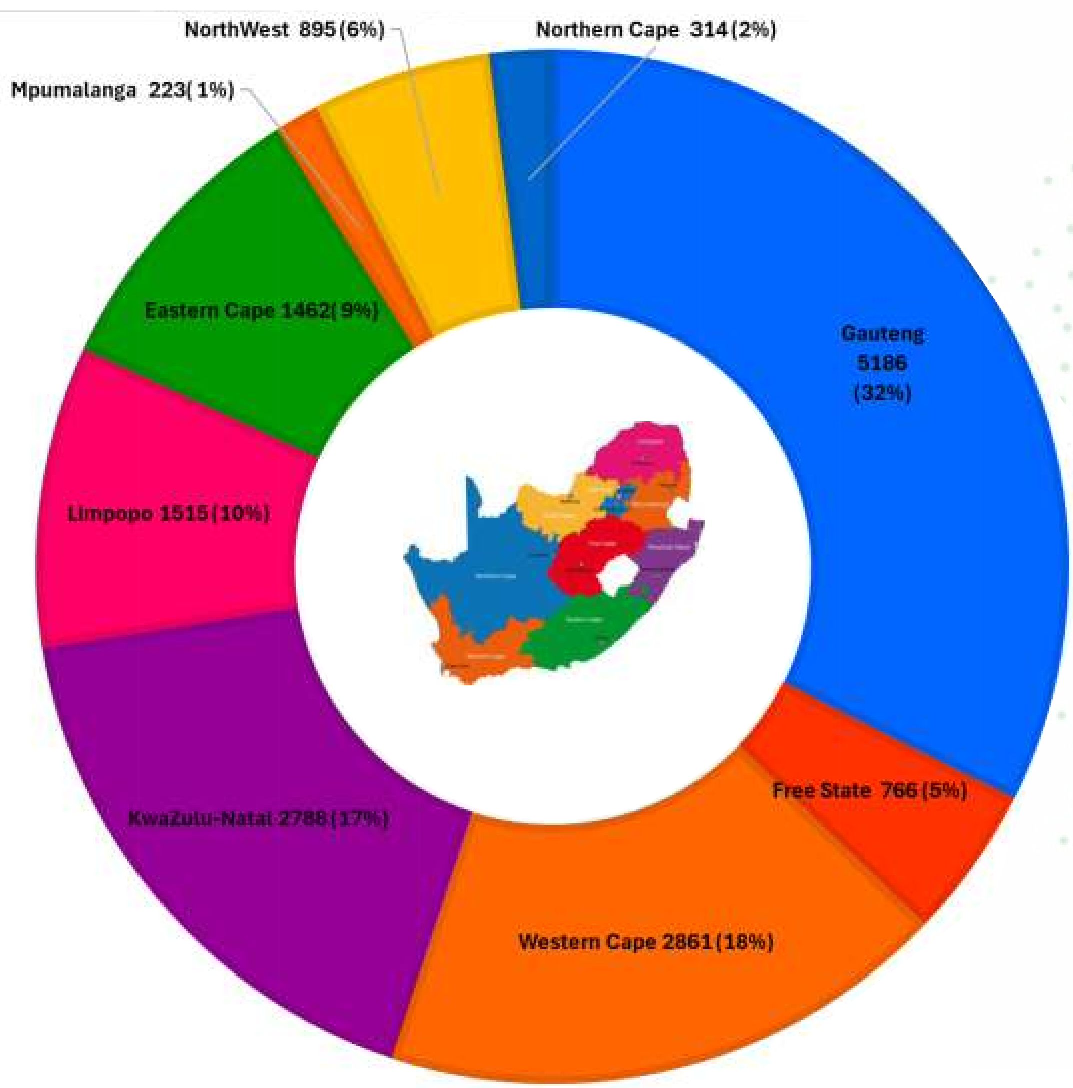
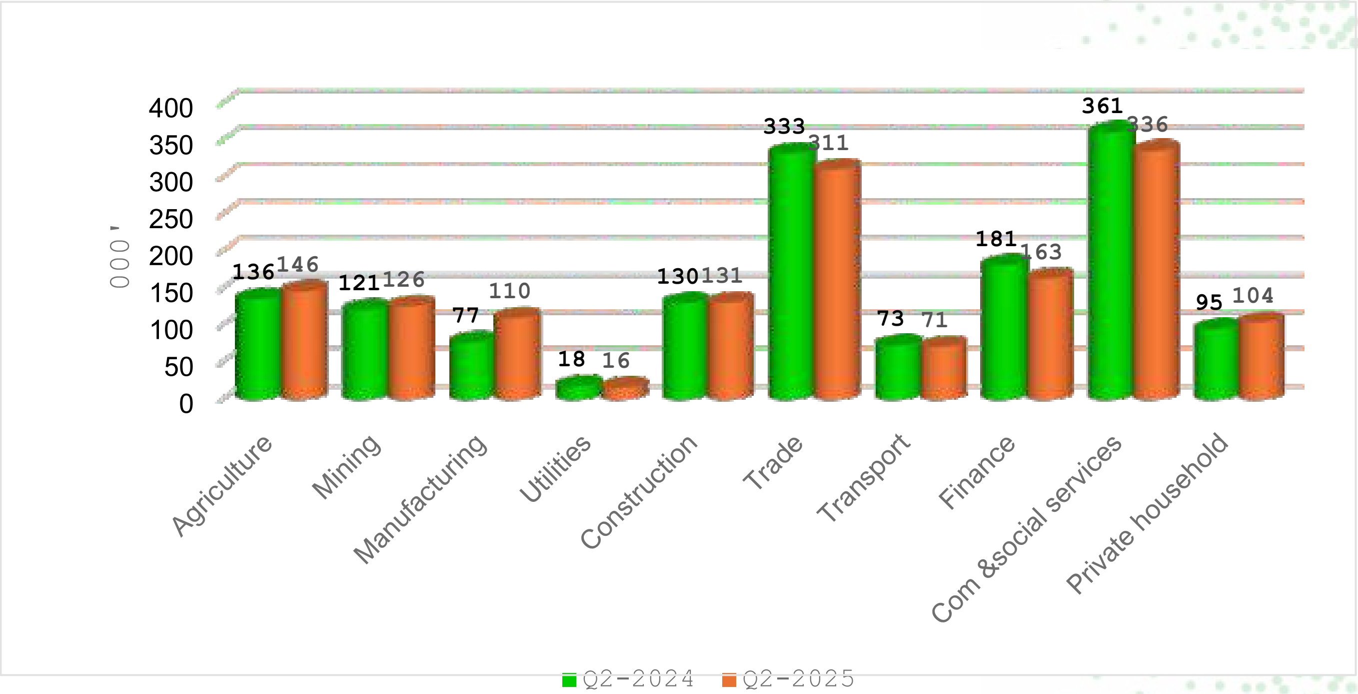


Figure 6 shows that the number of people employed increased in 5 in sectors between Q2: 2024 and Q2: 2025. Key growth sectors such as agriculture , mining, manufacturing continue to show resilience as key employing sectors in Limpopo.

**Figure 6: Employment per sector (Q2: 2024-2025)**



Limpopo Investment Conference has played a central role in attracting investment into the province.

## Since 2021
## Investment totalling
## R 282,34 billion
## were pledged

**23,6%**
successfully implemented
(R66,76 billion)

**20 084 jobs**
Created


## TOP FIVE SECTORS BY INVESTMENT VALUE AT LIC 2024

| Sector | Amount |
|---|---|
| Renewable Energy | R75,6 billion |
| Property and real estate | R21,5 billion |
| Mining | R9 billion |
| Public Infrastructure | R4,4 billion |
| Logistics | R2,9 billion |

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRESS ON 2024 LIC INVESTMENT PLEDGE IMPLEMENTATION

**R19 billion**
Investment steadly progressing

**R9.9 billion**
Undergoing regulatory approvals

**R52 billion**
Investment dependant on SEZ development progress


# *Why invest in Limpopo?*

## Key reasons for investing in Limpopo

South Africa remains the most advanced and diversified economy on the African continent, with world-class industrial infrastructure. Limpopo contributes significantly to the South African economy, primarily through its competitive, resource-based industries such as mining, agriculture and tourism. The province is positioned to be the landing pad for regional trade and investment, making it a gateway into the rest of Africa.

### STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

1

Limpopo province is strategically located as the gateway into the rest of the African continent. It sits on major trade and logistics routes, such as the north–south corridor and the Maputo corridor, connecting South Africa with the southern, eastern and central regions of Arica. Beitbridge border port, one of the largest inland ports of entry, makes Limpopo a gateway to SADC region.

A warm tropical climate enables high-value agricultural activities and offers all-season tourism opportunities.

### ABUNDANCE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

2

Limpopo has a rich natural resources base dominated by mineral reserves and high-value agricultural commodities. The province has the largest reserves of platinum-group metals (PGMs; 43%) and is home to the Waterberg Coal Basin, which hosts approximately 43% of South Africa's remaining coal reserves (75 billion tons in situ). These coal deposits extend into Botswana.

In terms of agriculture, Limpopo host 65% of the country's subtropical fruit production, 40% of citrus production and over 75% of tomato production.

The province's climate and rich biodiversity make it an ideal destination for eco-tourism.

### ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND EFFICIENT LOGISTICS

3

With well-established and continued investment in infrastructure, Limpopo has a strong network infrastructure base that supports regional economic growth and industrial development.

The province is positioned as a key regional hub with a top-class road network connecting Limpopo to the rest of South Africa and SADC region through the north–south and trans-Limpopo corridors.

Telecommunication infrastructure supports a sophisticated banking system and commercial business solutions.

## WORLD CLASS FINANCIAL MARKETS

4

South Africa's financial markets are regarded as some of the most sophisticated among emerging markets. A sound legal and regulatory framework governs financial institutions and transactions.
ABSA's Financial Markets Index rates South Africa's first in terms of market depth, access to foreign exchange, market transparency, tax and regulatory environment. The Johannesburg Stock Exchange is the largest stock exchange by market capitalisation on the continent.

## GATEWAY ACCESS TO REGIONAL MARKETS

5

Limpopo's strategic location as gateway to the SADC region makes it the ideal entry point into the rest of the continent, with a potential market of more than one billion consumers. Trade is promoted through regional agreements such the Southern African Customs Union and African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Outside the continent, South Africa is a member of the World Trade Organization, the G20, and the informal BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) association of emerging economies.
South Africa's growing domestic markets as well as affluent consumer base presents an attractive market opportunity and return on investments.

## ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND EFFICIENT LOGISTICS

6

Limpopo benefits from partnerships with local world-class universities and technical vocational training institutions, which produce well trained and technically capable graduates.
The province has a population with the diverse skills required for industrial development, regional economic development and commercial business services.

# *Sectoral Perspective & Outline*
## Of Investment Opportunities



# Overview of Limpopo
# Key investment Frontiers

Limpopo key investment frontiers and key growth sectors are outlined in the Limpopo Development Plan (LDP) (2025–2030), leveraging the province's rich resources and commitment to the national development agenda. The LDP provides a strategic framework to stimulate industrialisation and job creation, with a focus on diversification and digitisation to future-proof the economy and align with global sustainable growth imperatives

South Africa remains the most advanced and diversified economy on the African continent with world-class industrial infrastructure.
Limpopo province presents new investment frontiers anchored by the province's comparative advantage in resource-based industries with lower opportunity costs of production. The primary industries offer an opportunity for beneficiation economy and industrialisation

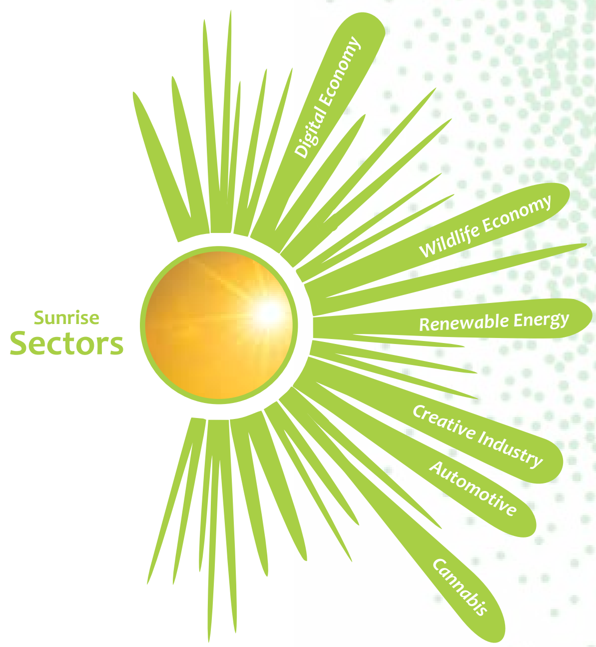
## Key Investment Frontiers.

- **FRONTIER 1** Mining and Mineral Beneficiation
- **FROINTIER 2** Agriculture and Agro-processing
- **FRONTIER 2** Special Economic Zones
- **FRONTIER 3** Renewable energy and Green Hydrogen
- **FRONTIER 5** Tourism

Limpopo Development Plan (LDP) identified considerable potential and growth prospects in mineral beneficiation, agriculture and agro-processing, green energy and tourism.

Apart from traditional sectors, the LDP has proposed the integration of emerging sunrise sectors as part of Limpopo development agenda, which includes amongst others automotive, cannabis, renewable energy, digital economy, wildlife economy and creative industry.

These **sunrise sectors** are projected as strategic complement that will accelerate economic transformation, support resilience, and unlock inclusive, future oriented growth.




Up and above the key growth sectors identified by the LDP, there are various other key growth sectors that are catalytic to attract investment and stimulate economic growth in the province.

# *Mining and Mineral* Beneficiation

## Sector overview

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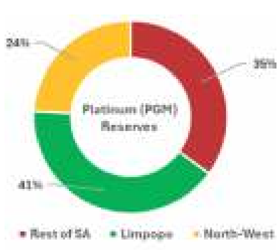
|---|---|
| **ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE** | **The mining sector contributes up to 30% of the provincial GDP and employs over 100 000 people.** |
| **STRUCTURE** | **The mining sector is highly developed and hosts numerous multinational enterprises responsible for primary production. Emerging miners dominate exploration activity in the sector.** |
| **SECTORAL LINKAGES** | **The sector has extensive backward and lateral linkages with the manufacturing and services sectors, as well as forward linkages to manufacturing through the supply of raw materials into metal fabrication industries.** |

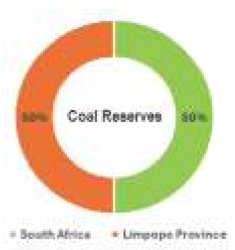
***Figure 8:*** *Mining and mineral sector overview*

In the past decade, mining has consistently contributed a significant portion to the Limpopo economy, ranging from 20 to 30% of its GDP.

The sector is diverse and well-endowed, with critical mineral resources such as Platinum Group Metals (PGM's), coal, diamonds, chrome, titanium, vanadium and iron ore. Other deposits of note include vermiculite, vanadium, nickel and titanium.

Limpopo hosts the largest reserves of PGMs in the World. These are primarily in the Sekhukhune and Waterberg districts, specifically within the Bushveld Complex. This area accounts for 41% of total South African production.




*In South Africa, the mining sector's contribution to GDP hovered around 5% (R24 billion) and 8% percent (R700 billion) between 1993 and 2023 (Figure 10). In 2023, PGMs surpassed gold as the highest contributor to mineral exports, accounting for approximately 51%, followed by gold at 18.6%, coal at 12.1%, manganese at 7.7 percent, chrome at 4.6 percent and others at 5.5 percent*

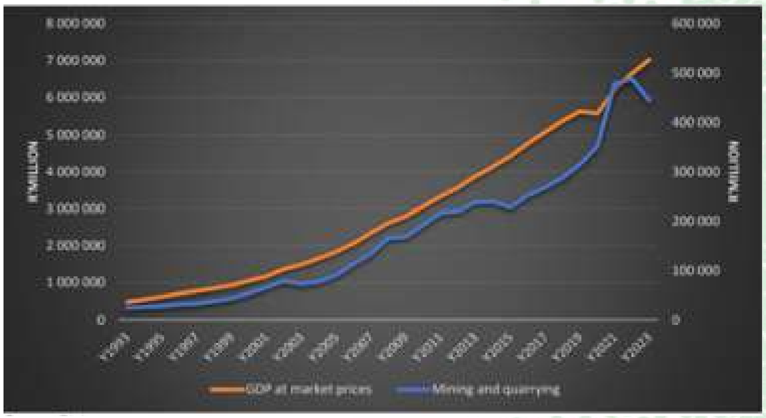



***Figure 10:*** *Mining sector contribution to GDP, 1993–2023*

***Source:*** *DMPR & SARB*

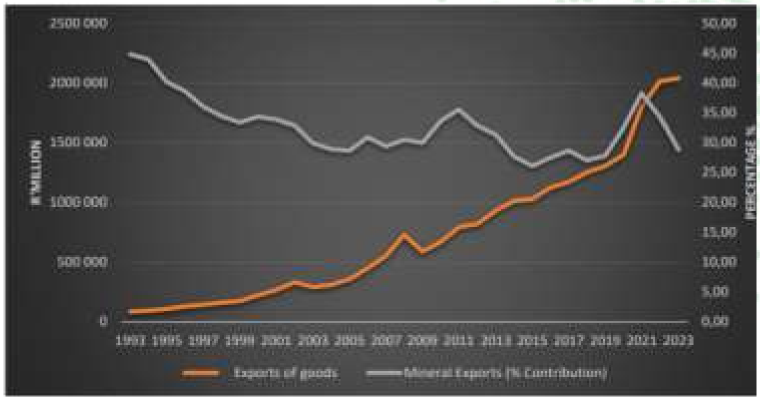



***Figure 11:*** *Contribution of minerals to total export of goods, 1993–2023*

# KEY FACTS

**Contribution to GDP:**
The mining sector contributes 30% percent to the provincial GDP, depending on fluctuations in commodity prices.

**Exports and foreign exchange:**
Mining is one of the largest sources of foreign exchange, accounting for up to 30% of total merchandise exports in South Africa, with Limpopo contributing the largest share in exports of minerals such as PGMs, coal and chrome.

**Employment:**
The mining sector is a major source of employment in Limpopo and directly employs over 100 000 people. Additionally, it indirectly supports many more jobs in industries like transportation, manufacturing and services.

**Industrial development and infrastructure:**
Revenue from the mining sector has been used to develop infrastructure such as roads, railways, ports and electricity generation facilities.

**SA integrated mining value chain:**
The mining industry supplies inputs into various manufacturing sectors, including metal fabrication, automotive manufacturing and jewellery manufacturing.

**Economic linkages:**
The mining sector has created significant economic linkages, stimulating the growth of related industries such as construction, engineering, machinery manufacturing, and logistics.

**Global market influence:**
South Africa's mining industry is the fifth largest globally in terms of GDP.

**Investment attraction:**
Mining is one of the key drivers of both domestic and foreign investment attraction in Limpopo, especially in exploration, mining operation, and related technologies




Chromium and Ferrochrome



Entry into this major part of the chromium/stainless steel industry requires extensive financial resources. To achieve the

## KEY MINERAL VALUE CHAIN OPPORTUNITIES

### MEDIUM-TERM

- Mass production of **platinum jewellery** banks leading up to mass-market finished jewellery for export.
- **Specialist catalysts.** To achieve the requisite economies of scale, the ferrochrome smelters must be equipped with large furnaces necessitating a high capital outlay.
- Recent advances in the **ferrochrome industry** have seen significant improvements in process design with a saving in operating costs (for example, Outotec's preheater offers considerable electrical energy savings).

### HIGH POINT LONG TERM

- **Auto catalyst** production and diesel particulate filters in both the short term (less than five years) and medium term (five to ten years).

## Where to invest

**Bushveld complex:** (Sekhukhune and Waterberg): PGMs, copper, nickel, cobalt mineralization, chromium, vanadium-bearing titanium ore, fluorspar and andalusite.

**Waterberg and Soutpansberg basin:**
bituminous coal and shale gas.

**Phalaborwa igneous complex (Limpopo):**
copper, phosphate, titanium, vermiculite, feldspar and zirconium ores.

**Beneficiation:**
Chrome and steel mills to process iron ore in Musina-Makhado special economic zone (SEZ) metallurgical complex and in the Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ platinum and chrome cluster.

# Agriculture & Agro-Processing

## Sector Overview

| Primary agricultural sector | | Agro-processing sector | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Economic importance | Limpopo has a well-developed agriculture sector, which is a critical driver for the economy, providing sustenance to communities and bolstering rural industries. It contributed 2.3% to overall GDP in 2024. | Economic importance | The agro-processing sector is vital for rural areas of Limpopo, with potential for job creation and economic growth by adding value to the province's abundant raw agricultural produce (e.g. citrus, avocados and potatoes). |
| Structure | · The sector has a well-develop commercial agriculture sector comprised of over 3 000 commercial farmers and with a significant number of small-scale farmers.<br>· A highly diversified sector, with products including fruits (e.g. citrus, mangoes, avocados, litchis, papayas), vegetables, nuts (e.g. macadamia), beef, poultry, goats and game ranching. | Structure | · Sophisticated and competitive agro-processing sector, dominated by large enterprises producing a wide range of products, from high-quality commodities to high-end market/niche products.<br>· Comprised of a beverage sub - sector producing juices and processed food products such as tomato puree and piquant peppers. Edible oils (avocado oils and macadamia oils). |
| Sectoral linkages | · The sector has extensive backward linkages with input supply sector (seeds, fertilizer & mechanisation) and as well as forward linkages to manufacturing sector supplying of raw materials to various processing industries. | Sectoral linkages | · The agro-processing sectors have extensive backward, forward and lateral linkages with the agriculture, manufacturing and services sectors. |

Limpopo is one of the country's richest agricultural regions due to its warm tropical agro-climate suitable for production of high-value agricultural commodities such as citrus, sub-tropical fruits, table grapes and macadamia nuts. Other crops include sisal, cotton, sunflowers, sorghum, maize and tobacco.

The province commands the number one spot in the production of citrus, accounting for 40% of total production area in south Africa. Limpopo also produces 65% of subtropical fruits, such as mangoes (75%), avocados (58%), papayas, bananas, pineapples and litchis. South Africa's fruit industry is export-oriented due to its high quality and Global Gap standards, with a significant portion of its production, especially citrus, avocados and macadamia nuts, being shipped to international markets. The province also produces more than 75% of the country's tomatoes and leads in the production of potatoes, accounting for 21% production area. With the above capacity, more than 45% of the R2 billion ($267 million) annual turnover of the Johannesburg Fresh Produce Market comes from Limpopo. The sector contributes 7.6% to national agriculture and 2.3% to the provincial GDP.

Limpopo's agricultural sector provides employment for about 129 000 people. The province has the potential to expand horticultural production to support the agro-processing industry and meet the growth in export demand.

## WHERE TO INVEST IN AGRICULTURE

## Why invest in the Limpopo agricultural sector?

- Well-established, diversified and globally competitive sector catering for local demand requirements and supplying high- quality produce to world markets.
- Distinct and favourable agro-climate conditions suitable for production of citrus and subtropical fruits. It also supports game ranching and the production of vegetables all year round.
- Counter-seasonality to the northern hemisphere.
- Major global producer of various agriculture products.
- South Africa is the world's second largest exporter of citrus, with Limpopo being the largest producer in the country.
- Fully integrated and elaborate agricultural value chains, with robust backward and lateral linkages to various economic sectors. Processing capacity for a wide range of agricultural products.
- Established infrastructure network (deep-water ports, airports, cold-chain facilities, etc.) and a world-class financial system support its position as a significant supplier of agricultural produce to world markets.
- Industrial capacity to support development and deployment of sustainable and new generation technologies in agriculture.

# *Agriculture and agro-processing* investment opportunities

### Selected food-based investment opportunities

- Horticultural crops (citrus, subtropical fruits and vegetables).
- Field crops (cotton, sunflower, soya bean and sorghum).
- Fruit and vegetable packaging and canning; juice processing.
- Oil-seed production, edible oil processing and oil cake.
- Processing of soy-based products.
- Grain sorghum production; malt industry development.
- Nut farming (e.g. macadamia, walnut) and processing.
- Processing of organic, vegetarian and dehydrated foods.
- Meat processing, including game meat.
- Expansion of bakery and confectionery production.
- Development of aquaculture (freshwater fish) and canning of freshwater fish.
- Commercial processing of indigenous products (mopani worms and baobab).

### Selected non-food-based investment opportunities

- Biofuels development.
- Extraction of high-value additives and nutraceuticals.
- Production of aromatics and flavourants.
- Non-edible oil processing.
- Production of medicinal extracts, including those based on cannabis.
- Crop production for feedstock into biofuels processing.
- Production of artemisinin for malaria medicaments.
- Forestry development.
- Application of smart technologies in agriculture (hydroponics, renewable energy technologies, drones, mobile communication applications, etc.).
- Water infrastructure investment; wastewater treatment.

# Tourism
## *Industry*

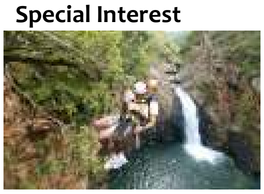
Tourism is a key economic sector in Limpopo. It is a region of renowned scenic beauty with a great diversity of both natural and man-made attractions, a rich cultural heritage, an abundance of wildlife and limitless nature-based tourism opportunities. The province has five tourist regions that offer travellers a vivid contrast between the highveld splendours of the Waterberg, Soutpansberg and Magoebskloof mountains and the wildlife delights of the Lowveld, including the northern and central reaches of the Kruger National Park. Limpopo offers the ultimate combination of nature, wildlife, culture, adventure and heritage experiences to discover and enjoy. In addition, it has an extensive selection of top-class venues that guarantee traveller satisfaction.

Tourism has been positioned as a priority economic driver as reflected in the National Tourism Sector Strategy (NTSS) – a strategy to which all provinces must align. The focus of the Tourism Growth Strategy will remain the six tourism clusters that are embedded in the mega-conservation cluster, and which depicts the comparative advantage of Limpopo as a preferred tourist destination. These tourism clusters are Family and Recreation, Special Interest, Sport and Wildlife, Culture and Heritage, Safari and Hunting, and Business and Events.

## *Sector highlights*

- One million hectares in Limpopo is dedicated to private game farms and provincial nature reserves (48) that offer various consumptive and nonconsumptive tourism opportunities.
- The Kruger National Park, South Africa's prime ecotourism destination, adds an additional 1.9 million hectares to this natural experience.
- There are three national parks in Limpopo. These include the Kruger National Park, Marakele National Park and Mapungubwe National Park (a part of the Mapungubwe World Heritage Site).
- Limpopo is also home to two registered UNESCO biosphere reserves, namely the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Reserve and Vhembe Biosphere Reserve.
- Two sites in Limpopo Province have world heritage status, namely, Mapungubwe and Makapan's Valley.
- **Limpopo is part of two trans-frontier conservation areas:** the Greater Limpopo trans-frontier conservation area and the Mapungubwe trans-frontier conservation area.
- Limpopo has two Ramsar sites, 28 registered natural heritage sites and still many un-proclaimed cultural and natural areas.
- Limpopo is home to three national centres of endemism: the Soutpansberg centre, the Wolkberg centre and the Sekhukhune centre.
- Limpopo is positioned as a preferred ecotourism destination with its large formal and informal protected area network bestowing unique experiences.

***Limpopo Tourism has identified its competitive advantage in each of the key tourism clusters. which also presents diverse investment opportunities.***

| Limpopo tourism clusters | Short description |
|---|---|
| **Family and Recreation**<br> | · Family resorts (private game reserves, provincial nature reserves, entertainment parks that cater for tourists).<br>· This cluster caters for family groups seeking to break away for holidays and travelling to attend social gatherings, e.g. weddings and funerals.<br>· Recreational offerings should, therefore, cater for all in the family group.<br>· Tourism leisure resorts and camping facilities that cater for large and small groups are mainly utilized by this market. |
| **Special Interest**<br> | Adventure tourism activities (birding, cultural tours, special interest routes, adventure tours, cultural and heritage sites, etc.)<br>The special interest cluster represents key product offerings that are growing e.g. birding tourism, adventure tourism, angling tourism, medical tourism, religious tourism and geo-tourism. This cluster assists in monitoring trends in certain niche markets and identifying potential gaps in the market that have potential for further development. |
| **Culture and Heritage**<br><br> | Focus on the main heritage sites:<br>· UNESCO biosphere reserves (Waterberg Biosphere Reserve, Vhembe Biosphere Reserve and Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Reserve)<br>· Transfrontier conservation areas (Greater Limpopo TFCA and Mapungubwe TFCA)<br>· World Heritage Sites (Makapan and Mapungubwe)<br>· National Parks (Mapungubwe National Park; Kruger National Park and Marakele National Park).<br>Limpopo's rural landscape presents unique opportunities to showcase its diverse cultural and heritage offerings. Tourist demand for authentic cultural experiences linked with wildlife offerings is growing. This cluster also provides an opportunity for Limpopo to leverage from its World Heritage sites that were chosen for their unique cultural landscapes, historical origins and linkages into Southern Africa. |
| **Safari and Hunting**<br> | Acknowledge the contribution of hunting as one of the resource utilization methods that also enhances tourism growth. It has the potential to support the transformation of the game industry, enhancing and re-positioning the hunting industry as a key economic driver.<br>The Safari and Hunting cluster was identified in acknowledgement that the hunting industry is one of the economic drivers in Limpopo that contributes to tourism growth. It furthermore plays an important role in the conservation and sustainable utilization of wildlife, while providing opportunities for transforming the game industry. The expansion of this market in relation to other forms of tourism are the focus. |
| **Sport and Wildlife**<br> | Offering unique tourism experiences where sport and wildlife are combined.<br>The province boasts five high-class golf estates.<br>Sport tourism is one of the growing tourism sectors, and to leverage from this trend, the Sport and Wildlife cluster focuses on unique sporting opportunities closely linked with wildlife and wilderness settings. This will include, for example, warrior races, trail running, mountain biking, and cycling. |
| **Business Events**<br> | Focus on Polokwane as a business hub, with and airport, shopping centres and infrastructure to host sporting events. Also includes mass tourism events, e.g. the Marula Festival, Mapungubwe, and other smaller district festivals. Religious tourism events like the annual Moria religious pilgrimage contribute to the expansion of this cluster.<br>The Business and Events cluster aims to refocus Limpopo as a business and events destination catering for mainly medium to small conferences, meetings and exhibitions. Incentive travel has been identified as a potential market Limpopo can leverage from.<br>This cluster furthermore illustrates the opportunity to expand the domestic market through offering short breakaways to events like local food and wine festivals, flower and fruit festivals, and music and cultural festivals unique to Limpopo. |

# Digital & Information technology

Digital and information technology is vital to the modern economy, driving economic growth, creating jobs and improving productivity.
It fosters innovation, enables new business models like e-commerce and allows businesses to reach global markets, while also increasing efficiency in existing industries.

The investment in information and communication technology (ICT) and broadband infrastructure networks in Limpopo reflects a growing emphasis on improving connectivity and digital accessibility across the province. The key providers include Openserve, Broadband Infraco and Limpopo Connexion, which contribute to extending broadband services.
This government initiative aims to bridge the digital divide by connecting underserved areas.

Limpopo Connexion, a LEDA subsidiary company, is rolling out broadband in the province to support the socioeconomic development imperatives set out by the National Development Plan and the Limpopo Development Plan.

The current broadband network in Limpopo shows progress in connecting major urban and semiurban areas, with notable hubs such as Polokwane, Seshego and Mokopane serving as key connectivity nodes. Polokwane has the largest area at 30 327 $km^2$ and functions as a central hub for broadband infrastructure, ensuring the surrounding areas benefit from improved digital access. Smaller but strategically important areas, such as Mankweng, Nkowankowa and Lebowakgomo, are increasingly connected, reflecting efforts to expand the network to underserved communities.

There are two flagship projects led by Limpopo Connexion – the rolling out of broadband infrastructure in the province and the development of the Science and Technology Park.
The Science and Technology Park will unlock Limpopo's potential as a world-class information technology science centre.

The growing need to store, process and analyse vast amounts of data is driving the demand for data centres. Limpopo is positioning itself as a leading hub for data centre infrastructure in South Africa and SADC region using its two SEZs as host platforms.

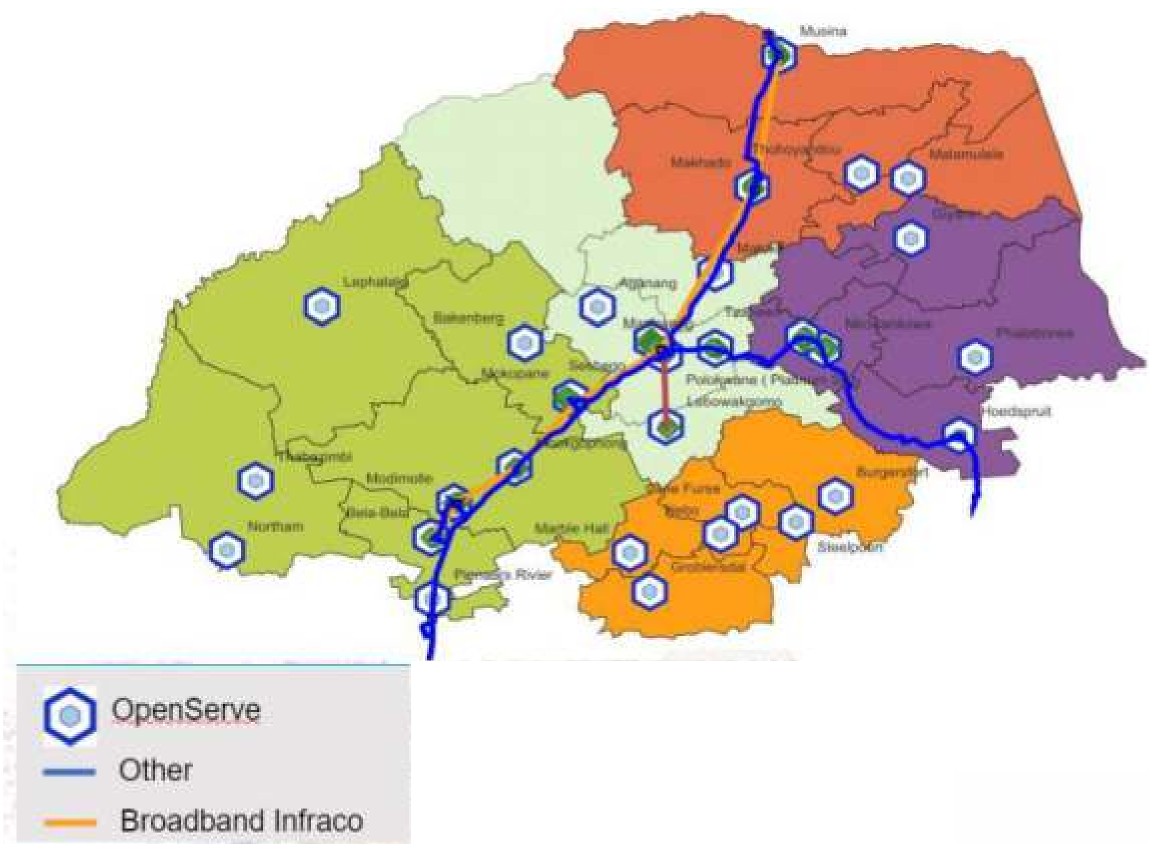



*Figure 1 ICT and broadband infrastructure network*

# ***Why invest in Limpopo's digital &*** *information technology sector?*

**Digital economic growth:**
South Africa's digital economy is experiencing significant growth, driven by increased connectivity, the rise of e-commerce and digital services, and the adoption of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, cloud computing and blockchain.

**Strategic location:**
The province and the country strategic location and relatively developed infrastructure have positioned it as a regional digital hub.

**Overall digital economy growth:**
The digital economy is projected to account for 20% of South Africa's GDP by 2028, with an annual increase of 10%–15%

**E-commerce:**
South Africa's e-commerce market has seen rapid growth, accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic. It is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of around 12% through 2025.

**Key investment opportunities in the digital and information sector**

- Building and expansion of broadband infrastructures.
- Establishment of digital hub and digital innovation ecosystems.
- Establishment of data centres.
- Software and technology.
- IT-related skills development.

# Renewable energy
## & Green hydrogen

The global shift towards renewables presents a significant opportunity for South Africa, with Limpopo ideally positioned to capitalize on the Just Energy Transition plan.

The plan is a national strategy to shift from fossil fuels to clean energy while addressing the economic and social impacts on coal-dependent communities, aiming for a fair and equitable transition that creates new jobs and promotes social justice.

South Africa's growing green economy is driving FDI and stands as a key destination for Cleantech FDI on the continent. It ranks as the third-largest recipient in Africa, following Egypt and Morocco. Limpopo has developed a renewable energy strategy that outlines a path for harnessing Limpopo's renewable energy potential while mitigating challenges associated with the energy transition.

An abundance of solar and biomass resources offer the potential for sustainable growth and a more liberalized energy sector.

The Limpopo Renewable Energy Strategy is a central hub, translating its broad strategic goals into concrete actions through a set of key imperatives for each desired outcome as indicated in Figure 12.

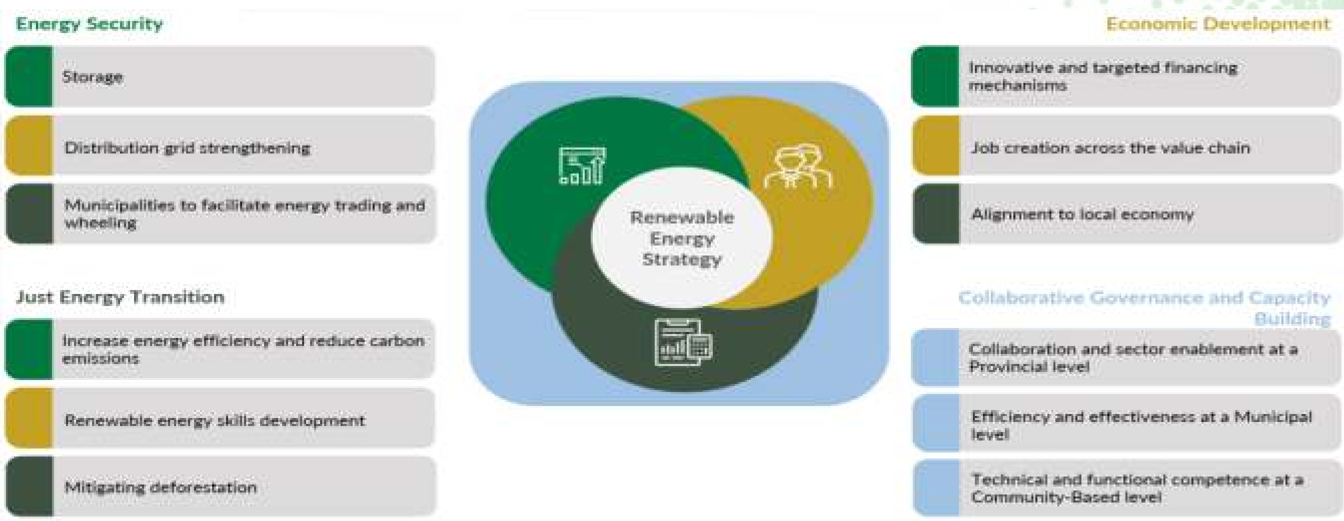



***Figure 1:*** *Limpopo Renewable Energy Strategy*

# *Why invest in Limpopo's*
## *Renewable energy sector?*

- A favourable climate with over 300 sunny days per year, creating great potential for solar energy.
- Leading agricultural production region for bioenergy feedstock throughput.
- Rapid growth of small-scale embedded generation capacity.
- Projects of off-grid power are solar energy, battery storage, waste-to-energy, gas to power and green hydrogen.
- Limpopo aligns with South Africa's Just Energy Transition and new carbon market opportunities.
- Strong demand for energy security in mining operations.
- Provincial implementation of a circular economy approach to industrialization

# *Key investment opportunities*
## *in renewable energy*

Limpopo has great potential for renewable energy and alternative energy projects in the fields of bioenergy, solar energy and medium-scale nuclear energy plants.

- Installation/construction of renewable energy infrastructure including solar and system software monitoring and maintenance.
- Manufacturing of solar PV panels, Li-ion batteries, inverters, battery cabinets and related equipment for storage solutions.
- Adoption of energy efficiency technologies.
- Pyrolysis/gasification and anaerobic digestion.
- Energy storage.
- Expansion into the broader Southern African market as neighbouring economies develop toward renewable energy.

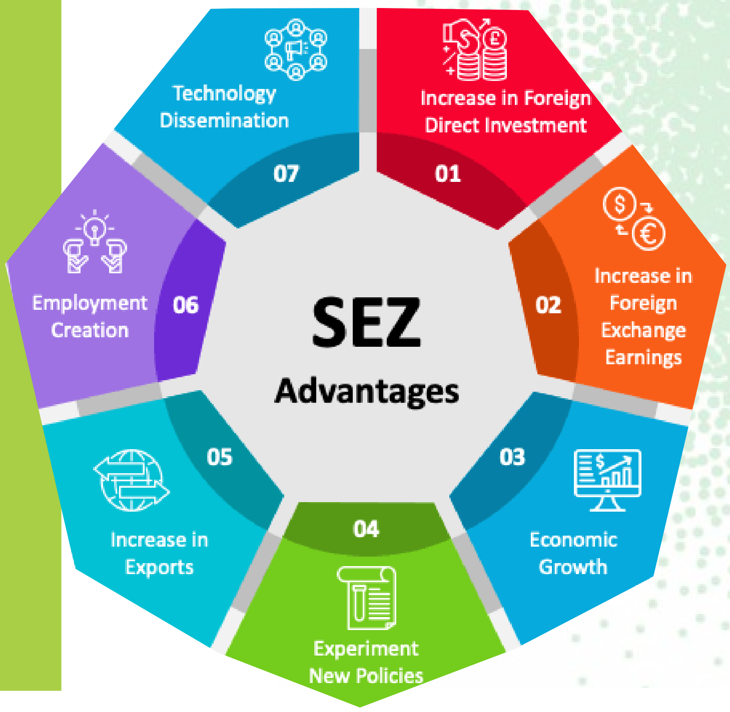
# Special Economic Zones (SEZ)
## Industrialisation

The Special Economic Zones Programme is one of the critical mechanisms for the Government to drive the industrialization agenda supported by the Reimagined Industrial Strategy.

The industrialization agenda of the province is set to reverse the level of dependence on exporting raw minerals. The SEZs will drastically diversify the provincial economy and meaningfully expand its technical capabilities.
SEZs are key in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) to facilitate rapid economic growth. They do this by offering incentives such as tax breaks, duty-free imports and improved infrastructure, alongside streamlined government services and access to international supply chains. SEZs create a favourable business environment, lower operational costs, and foster innovation and employment-creation targeted sectors, ultimately driving economic growth.

Limpopo province is developing two SEZs – the Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone (MMSEZ), which was designated in 2016, and the Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ (FTSEZ), which is pending designation.

These zones are strategically designed to attract investment in key industries such as metallurgy, mineral processing, agro-processing, hydrogen fuel cells and battery manufacturing.



MMSEZ has been designated to be the epicentre of industrial development in Limpopo, geared to promote industrialization through a beneficiation economy while providing value-adding commercial business solutions. MMSEZ is near the Beitbridge border post, which is the second largest port of entry in South Africa and a crucial commercial gateway to SADC and the rest of Africa enabled by the African Continental Free Trade Area framework. MMSEZ seeks to attract both foreign and domestic direct investment in the resource-based industries (agriculture and mining), general manufacturing, green energy and logistics.

# Investment opportunities

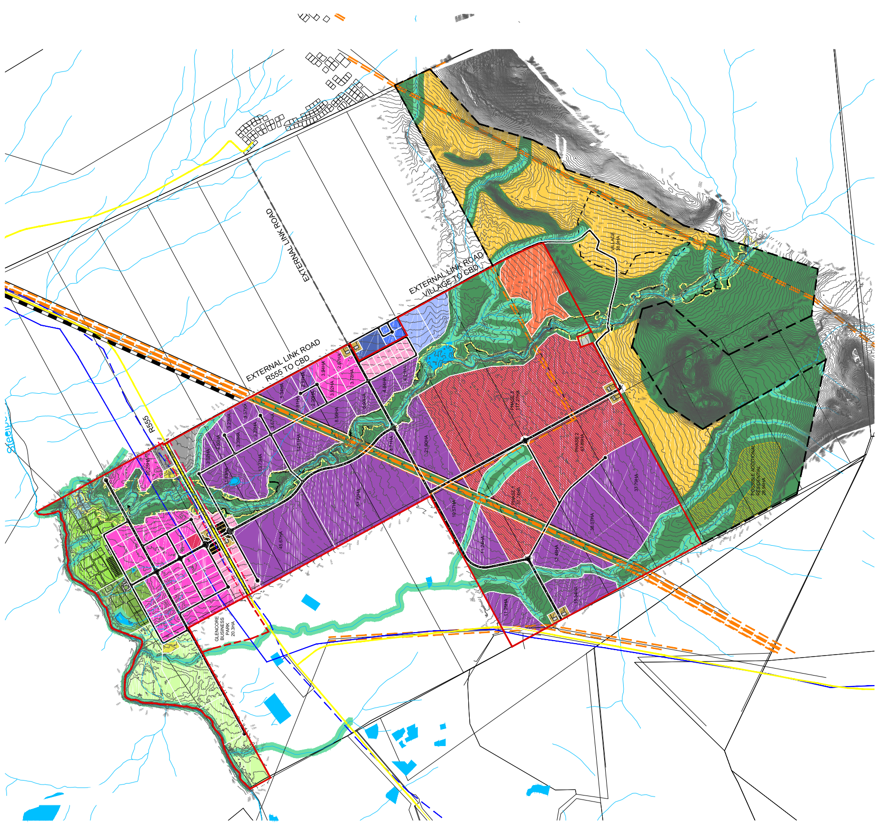
| Sector | Clusters | Investment opportunities |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Mineral beneficiation | Metallurgy | · Steel plant / stainless steel plant<br>· Coking plant<br>· Pig iron plant<br>· Ferro manganese plant<br>· Ferrochrome plant<br>· Lime plant<br>· Chemical plant |
| Agriculture and agro-processing | Agro-processing | · Vegetable processing (tomato paste, canned, frozen, mixed, dried spices and sauces)<br>· Fruits processing (juices, canned and dried)<br>· Meat processing (goat and game)<br>· Cannabis production and processing<br>· Aquaculture and aquaponics<br>· Indigenous and exotic products (e.g. mopani worms and baobab products) |
| General manufacturing | Light industries | · Basic assembly<br>· Electromechanical operations<br>· OE manufacturing plants<br>· Component manufacturing<br>· Fertilisers<br>· Agrochemicals<br>· Petrochemicals<br>· Pharmaceutical |
| Logistics | Logistic services | · Warehousing<br>· Distribution – FMCG<br>· Container yard<br>· Vehicle distribution<br>· Cold storage<br>· Bonded warehouses<br>· Cross-border & custom arrangements<br>· Regional fresh produce export market<br>· Freight truck stop shop area<br>· Regional fuel distribution terminal |

FTSEZ
FETAKGOMO-TUBATSE
SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE

FTSEZ is nestled in the industrial hub of the Fetakgomo-Tubatse local municipality and falls within the planned Limpopo Platinum and Chrome cluster. FTSEZ seeks to accelerate economic growth, development, and job creation in Limpopo through promoting industrial agglomeration, facilitating increased trade and investment, supporting the development of sustainable enterprises, and ensuring infrastructure development. Upstream it involves the formation of the mining input supplies manufacturing industries, while downstream it involves the formation of mineral beneficiation industries. The latter has high potential for contribution in the production of clean energy, thus contribution to sustainable economic development.

*Table 1 outlines some of the investment opportunities at FTSEZ.*

| Sector | Cluster | Investment opportunity |
|---|---|---|
| Mineral beneficiation | Metallurgy | · Platinum smelter and refinery<br>· Chrome chemical plant, ferrochrome<br>· Vanadium pentoxide plant |
| Mining inputs supply | Manufacturing, assembling and components | · Assembling and fabrication plant<br>· Electrical and electronics<br>· Engineering services |
| Renewable energy | Green energy and fossil fuels | · Solar energy generation<br>· Pyrolysis plant, oil blending plant<br>· Hydrogen fuel cells |
| General manufacturing | General processing | · Sweet sorghum processing plant<br>· Fruit and vegetable processing plant<br>· Heavy metal assembly plant<br>· Water pipes manufacturing plant<br>· PV modules manufacturing plant<br>· Modular concrete slabs manufacturing plant<br>· Yarn mill<br>· Torrefaction plant |



# Industrial Parks
*Development*

Limpopo Province's industrial parks are host to enterprises in the manufacturing and services sectors across the five districts of the Province.

In line with promoting more investment in these industrial parks, the Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) is collaborating with the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition to refurbish the current fleet of industrial parks in the Province subsequently increasing lettable space for rentals which, consequently, expanded it's manufacturing capacity. The development is in line with Limpopo's industrialisation agenda, with Phase 1 of the revitalisation in both Seshego and Nkowankowa completed.

This includes security features to the entire industrial area and plans are afoot to commence with phase 2 implementation. The upgraded infrastructure will greatly benefit manufacturers seeking immediate start-ups.

# Manufacturing sector

## Sector Overview

- The manufacturing industry contributes 13% of South Africa's GDP and employs over 1.6 million people. Manufacturing will continue to play a significant role in the economy, with the sector's nominal GDP forecast to grow by an average rate of 5.7% per annum over the next decade.

- Limpopo's manufacturing sector is primarily driven by food, beverages and metals, leveraging the province's significant mineral and agricultural resources through beneficiation and processing. Other potential subsectors include chemicals, rubber, plastic products, automotive, textiles and furniture.

- Limpopo province is strategically developing its advanced manufacturing capabilities through initiatives like MMSEZ and FTSEZ and through the revitalization of industrial parks. The aim is to attract investment and build a strong, localized, green, and export-oriented industrial base.

- The development of industrial parks and the special economic zones is in line with Limpopo's industrialisation agenda, with Phase 1 of the revitalisation of industrial parks such as Seshego and Nkowankowa completed and with development of MMSEZ and FTSEZ underway. The Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA), in collaboration with the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (dtic), has embarked on the refurbishment of the current fleet of industrial parks in the province to increase lettable space for rentals and expand the province's manufacturing capacity.

- Significant future growth opportunities available through localisation and workforce upskilling will boost the country's competitive advantage and attract new investment and needed employment opportunities.

## Key opportunities in manufacturing

- Mineral beneficiation, auto catalyst production, and electronics assembly
- Manufacturing of Solar PV panels, agrochemicals and fertilizers
- Food and beverage processing and various metal-based products like ferrochrome, especially at MMSEZ and FTSEZ.
- The development of light manufacturing, including jewellery, furniture and chemicals, with the province actively seeking investment in areas like magnesium oxide and cement production.
- Investment in industrial infrastructure development in partnership with the Limpopo Economic Development Agency.

# Transport & Logistics

- The province is located along a major north-south corridor, with the N1 highway forming the central axis of this corridor. The route links Gauteng and the SADC region through Zimbabwe.
- The strategic location in the northernmost tip of South Africa makes Limpopo a key gateway for the continent, attracting economic activity and investment. Initiatives like MMSEZ leverage their proximity to the border and linkage with Polokwane as a provincial logistic hub.
- For Limpopo to serve as a pivotal hub for regional economic integration under initiatives like the AfCFTA will require efficient transport and logistic infrastructure.
- Transport infrastructure serves as a cornerstone to position Limpopo as a regional logistics hub, providing the necessary roads, rail, ports, and airports for seamless intermodal connectivity. This vital infrastructure enables efficient goods movement, reduces transit times and costs, and enhances supply chain resilience and flexibility. Well-developed transport infrastructure also attracts businesses to a location, fostering economic growth by facilitating trade and supporting manufacturing and distribution.
- To unlock its economic potential and vital role in regional economic integration, Limpopo has prioritized key transport and logistic infrastructure projects for possible public-private partnership (Table 1).

*Table 1: Key transport and logistic infrastructure projects*

| Key Interventions | Description |
|---|---|
| **Roads network** | Road Agency Limpopo provides road infrastructure to connect regional growth points, while the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) is responsible for national roads that connect Limpopo to major economic hubs such as Gauteng and the SADC region through the north–south corridor. SANRAL's improvement of the N1 through Musina with the N1-29 Musina Ring Road project, Musina Hand Bridge and interchanges shows Government's clear intention to improve logistics by reducing congestion, improving traffic flow to the Beitbridge border post, and unlocking economic opportunities. |
| **High-speed rail** | · High-speed rail will revolutionise the connectivity and mobility by linking major economic nodes, including those within the SADC region.<br>· The province, in collaboration with Gauteng, is devoloping a high-speed rail service that will connect the economic hub of Gauteng to the northern border town of Musina near the Beitbridge border post, a key gateway to Zimbabwe and other neighbouring countries.<br>· The project is part of Limpopo's long-term infrastructure development strategy, focusing on enhancing both passenger and freight transport capabilities. |
| **Air transport** | · Connectivity and mobility is enhanced by Limpopo's air transport infrastructure, which includes three significant airports: Polokwane International Airport, Eastgate Airport in Hoedspruit, and Kruger Park Gateway Airport in Phalaborwa.<br>· Polokwane International Airport is an international port of entry offering passenger and cargo services. Eastgate Airport, converted from the Hoedspruit Air Force base, primarily serves tourists visiting Kruger National Park and nearby private game reserves, making it a key driver of regional tourism. |

# *Limpopo's logistics hub development*

Polokwane is positioned to become a significant multimodal logistics hub, leveraging its international airport for air cargo and passenger services in conjunction with existing and proposed rail infrastructure, including a high-speed rail line to Pretoria. The goal is to integrate these modes to facilitate the movement of goods and people within the province and connecting it to the wider Southern African region, attracting investment and promoting economic growth.

The key transport infrastructure projects are critical to develop Limpopo logistics hub in Polokwane that encompasses rail, and Polokwane International airport, its prencinct as acropolis linked with Musina-Makhado SEZ logistic cluster.

**Economic impact of improved transport and logistics**

Improvement of the transport and logistics infrastructure (including roads, high-speed rail, and airport cargo operations) will provide faster, more reliable and efficient transport for goods, especially minerals, agricultural products, and other commodities moving from Limpopo to regional markets. This could also promote cross-border trade and tourism by providing a more efficient route to Zimbabwe and other neighbouring countries.

**Key investment opportunities in the transport and logistics sector**

- High-speed rail infrastructure development.
- Development of Polokwane International Airport cargo operation.
- Development of Polokwane International Airport precinct as aerotropolis.
- Development of Musina Makhado SEZ logistic cluster.
- Development of major roads network to connect key nodal points.




# Investment incentives for various sectors

South Africa's economic policy is centred on the attraction of investment to generate economic development and growth. Key to this strategy is the provision of a range of demand and supply-side measures to both lower the cost of doing business and offer compelling investment opportunities.

The incentives landscape in South Africa consists of a network of sector-specific and cross-cutting incentives that fall into three major types of funding instruments – cash grants, tax allowances, and concessional funding and preferential infrastructure access. In addition, these incentives are also targeted at different phases of the project development life cycle – conceptual or startup, development and growth, and expansion and competitiveness improvement. Incentives that are available are either coordinated by a national, provincial or local government department, a development finance institution, or agency of the state.

***The table below outlines sector-specific incentives available from the dtic as part of a broader investment attraction by government of South Africa.***

## *Sector-specific incentives of the dtic*

| Sector | Incentives |
|---|---|
| **Green economy** | · Energy Efficiency Savings Tax Allowance |
| **Resource-based industries** | · Critical Infrastructure Programme (CIP)<br>· Agro-processing Support Scheme |
| **Manufacturing** | · Critical Infrastructure Programme (CIP)<br>· Agro-processing Support Scheme<br>· Automotive investment scheme<br>· Clothing and textiles<br>· Black industrialist |
| **Advanced manufacturing** | · Additional Manufacturing Tax Allowance |
| **Services** | · Critical Infrastructure Programme (CIP)<br>· Global Business Services<br>· Tourism Support Programme (TSP)<br>· Film and Television Production |

# Key incentives
## *for Investments in SEZs*

South African SEZs offer investors a safe zone to operate from, where infrastructure and serviced land within the zone are secure, complemented by a suite of fiscal incentives for qualifying companies. The current set of incentives consists of tax incentives administered by the South African Revenue Service, grants administered by the dtic and various incentives offered by the municipalities where the SEZs are located. The incentives available to qualifying businesses in the SEZs are described in the accompanying graphic.

| ***Corporate income tax incentive*** | ***Building allowances*** | ***Employment tax incentive*** |
|---|---|---|
| Businesses located in an SEZ may be eligible for a reduced rate of 15%. | Businesses and operators may be eligible for the building allowance, which allows companies to reduce their taxable income linked to expenditure incurred on the cost of any new or unused building or improvement. This allowance may be claimed at a rate of 10% per annum. | This incentive allows employers to reduce the amount of employees' tax paid by the employer while leaving the wage received by the employee unaffected. This creates a cost-sharing mechanism between employers and government in respect of employee wages. |

| **Customs and excise incentive** | **Value-added tax incentive** |
|---|---|
| Goods imported into a customs controlled area (CCA) situated in an SEZ are relieved from applicable import customs, excise duties and economic restrictions while being stored or undergoing manufacturing (which includes processing, cleaning and repair) within the CCA. Goods manufactured in the CCA and subsequently supplied to the local domestic market are subject to the payment of import customs and excise duties that were relieved at the time of importation on the imported goods (raw materials). The liability for customs and excise duties, which enjoyed relief on imported goods used in manufacturing in the CCA, ceases upon subsequent export. | Goods and services that are acquired from the domestic market are charged a VAT rate of 0% and the import of goods is exempt from VAT. This applies only in the CCA of the SEZ.<br><br>Additionally, SEZ operators are steadfastly creating a business environment with links to the local economy and through the provision of a relevant skills base from which investors can draw from. Reliable electricity and water supply is an additional drawcard, which cannot be guaranteed by the broader investment climate. Overall, SEZs play a huge role in minimising the total risks faced by an international investor into South Africa and the African continent. |

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# *Identified* Projects

*For investment*

# Mining & Mineral Beneficiation

# Mining & 
## *mineral beneficiation*

| Copper processing plant | |
|---|---|
| **Project promoter / sponsor** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency and partners |
| **Description** | Establishment of a copper processing plant.<br>Production capacity: The plant will have an initial processing capacity of 1 000 tons per year, with the ability to scale up production based on market demand. |
| **Sector** | Mining |
| **Location** | Phalaborwa Town, Limpopo Province, South Africa |
| **Estmated project value/cost** | Initial investment: ZAR 2.4 billion (USD 135 million) |
| **Project delivery model** | Private sector partnership with SOC (LEDA) |
| **Economic impact** | Employment creation and localisation |
| **Project status** | Planning stage, with performance of a detailed feasibility study to refine financial and operational estimates. |
| **Project partners** | LEDA |
| **Project requirement / investor opportunity** | Investment on overall green field project development and Equity negotiable |
| **Contact information** | Emely Khunou<br>Tel: +27 15 633 4700<br>Email: Emely.Khunou@lieda.co.za |

# *Agriculture & Agro-Processing*

# Agriculture & Agro-processing

## MMSEZ FRESH PRODUCE FOR REGIONAL EXPORT MARKET

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | MMSEZ Company SOC Ltd |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Establishment of a fresh produce market at MMSEZ agro-processing cluster for regional export trade opportunities. |
| **SECTOR** | Agro- Logistics |
| **LOCATION** | Musina Municipality MMSEZ _ North site |
| **RAW MATERIAL AVAILABILITY** | Fresh fruits and vegetables to be sourced throughout Limpopo from both commercial and smallholders producers. |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 420,8million (USD 23.5 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Private sector partnership with SOC (MMSEZ) |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | Empowerment of small-scale farmers, job creation (especially youth and women), food supply resilience, skills development, regional export potential. |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | Pre Feasibility Study completed and favourable |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Private sector Fresh Produce Traders |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Investment from private operator and potential equity from MMSEZ. |
| **CONTACT INFORMATION** | **Richard Zitha \| Tel:** +27 (0) 295 5120 \| E: R.zitha@mmsez.co.za |

## POTATO PROCESSING FACILITY

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|---|---|
| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (LDARD) and Potato SA |
| **DESCRIPTION** | The potato processing facility is earmarked for Dendron led by Potato SA. The aim to integrate local commercial and smallholders' farmers into secondary value chain. |
| **SECTOR** | Agro-processing |
| **LOCATION** | Mogwadi (formerly) Dendron, Capricorn District |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 2.3 billion (USD 128 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Private sector and equity partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | Job creation and Integration of small farmers into the mainstream into value activities |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | Greenfield project in a planning stage |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | LDARD |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Private sector equity partnership |
| **CONTACT INFORMATION** | **Vusi Ndlozi**<br>**E-mail:** Ndlozi.collenv@limpopo.gov.za |

## TSHAKHUMA COMMUNITY TRUST: MACADAMIA ORCHARDS DEVELOPMENT

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Expansion of 200ha macadamia orchards in Tshakhuma Community farms. The area have micro climatic advantage for production of subtropical fruits. |
| **SECTOR** | Agriculture |
| **LOCATION** | Levubu Valley, Vhembe District |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 90 million (USD 5 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Private sector and community equity partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | The implementation of the project expected to create significant employment opportunities for local communities. |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | The project is currently operating on low level due to resources constraints |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Tshakhuma Community Trust |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Equity partnership |
| **CONTACT INFORMATION** | Vusi Ndlozi<br>E mail: Ndlozi.collenv@limpopo.gov.za |

## VENMAC MACADAMIA PROJECT

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Establishment 1500ha macadamia orchards farm in Vhembe District under Mphaphuli Tribal Authority.<br>The project is a green field; large scale macadamia orchard coupled with a packhouse facility to add value to their nuts to improve margins and sustainability. |
| **INPUT MATERIAL AVAILABILITY** | Local nurseries will supply planting material |
| **SECTOR** | Agriculture |
| **LOCATION** | Sterkstroom, Mphaphuli Area, Vhembe District |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 190 million (USD 10.7 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Private sector and community equity partnership supported by government |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | The implementation of the project expected to create significant employment opportunities for local communities. |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | • Greenfield project at planning stage<br>• Capital raising |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Local Commercial Farmers |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Equity partnership |
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## ZEBEDIELA CITRUS ESTATE REVITALISATION

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Establishment of 450ha citrus orchards and packhouse facility for export market |
| **SECTOR** | Agriculture |
| **LOCATION** | Zebediela Village, Capricorn District |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 500 million (USD 27.8 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Private sector and Community trust |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | The project present employment opportunities for locals and other spill over effects such as local buying power. |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has facilitated the development of the masterplan for the Estate.<br>The plan shows a multi-enterprise investment opportunity dominated by resuscitation of citrus orchards. The master plan will be made available to interested investors |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development currently involved in the upgrading of water infrastructure.<br>Impact Catalyst developed the masterplan and frequently advise the community on its implementation. |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Equity investment |
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# Light Manufacturing

## POLOKWANE LIGHT INDUSTRY PARK

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Polokwane Local Municipality |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Established medium-sized industrial spaces targeting local small to medium enterprises. The objective is to encourage industrial development in Polokwane and create the necessary jobs. The industrial park will be divided into two parts for wet and dry industries. Wet industries use water for processing, manufacturing or production, while |
| **SECTOR** | Manufacturing |
| **LOCATION** | Polokwane Municipality, Limpopo Province |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 200 million (USD 11,28 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Public Private Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | The establishment of the post incubation industrial park has the potential to create jobs, commercialize new technologies, and strengthen the local, provincial and national economy. |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | Land zoning – township establishment completed |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Polokwane local Municipality |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Equity investment partnership |
| **CONTACT INFORMATION** | Moipone Segooa<br>moipones@polokwane.gov.za |

## MANUFACTURING OF SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Dough Capital (Pty) Ltd |
| **DESCRIPTION** | The project is about manufacturing and selling surgical instrument.<br>Key components of the project include:<br>· Setting up and equipping a state-of-the-art manufacturing facility.<br>· Producing high-quality surgical instruments for healthcare institutions, and establishing the surgical manufacturing instruments repair workshop |
| **SECTOR** | Manufacturing |
| **LOCATION** | Musina Municipality, Vhembe District, Limpopo Province |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 1.5 billion (USD 84 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Private Sector |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · 100 jobs to be created<br>· Localisation |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | · Pre-feasibility assessment completed<br>· Capital raising |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Investment Equity Partnership |
| **CONTACT INFORMATION** | Ambassador Mthuthuzelli Madikiza<br>madikizam@yahoo.com |

# Automotive

# Automotive Sector

## KNOCKED DOWN VEHICLE DISASSEBMLY PLANT

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) and Partners |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Vehicle Disassembly Plant<br>Project Components |
| | • Disassembly<br>• Packaging the SKD Kit<br>• Shipping<br>• Reassembly |
| **SECTOR** | Automotive Manufacturing |
| **LOCATION** | Polokwane City, Limpopo Province, South Africa |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | Initial investment: R135,300,000 Annual operating cost: R68,000,000<br>Operating profit: R682,000,000 |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Public Private Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | Job creation and Localisation |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | The project is at conceptual level.<br>Conduct a detailed feasibility study to refine financial and operational estimates. |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Investment Equity Partnership |
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# Renewable Energy

# Mining &
## Mineral beneficiation

| Vanadium redox flow battery manufacturing | |
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| **Project promoter / sponsor** | Fetakgomo-Tubatse Industrial Park (FTIP) |
| **Description** | The manufacturing of the electrolyte and stacks of unit cells, and installation of the battery |
| **Sector** | Mining |
| **Location** | Proposed Fetakgomo-Tubatse SEZ (Steelpoort Valley) |
| **Estmated project value/cost** | ZAR 800 600.000 (USD 44 673 million) |
| **Project delivery model** | Private sector |
| **Economic impact** | 100 jobs and localisation |
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| **Project status** | Pre-feasibility completed |
| **Project partners** | FTIP & CSIR |
| **Project requirement / investor opportunity** | Investment in overall green-field project development and equity negotiable |
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# Broadband Projects

TECHNOLOGY & NETWORK

**LCX**

INVESTMENT

# Investment Projects

## LIMPOPO BROADBAND PROJECT

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) and Partners |
| **DESCRIPTION** | The Limpopo Broadband Network Project is a strategic initiative aimed at expanding high- speed ICT and broadband infrastructure across Limpopo Province. Spearheaded by Limpopo Connexion SOC Limited, the project seeks to drive the region's transition to a knowledge-based economy by enhancing connectivity for businesses, households, government institutions, and public services.<br><br>**Project key components include** development of core ICT infrastructure:<br>• Expansion of the existing fibre-optic network covering over 142 km of self-built fibre and 550 km of leased backhaul, with a focus on increasing coverage in densely populated areas across Limpopo<br>• Development of high-capacity data centres and network operations control centres to support seamless connectivity, cloud services, and data management. |
| **SECTOR** | ICT |
| **LOCATION** | Polokwane City, Capricorn District, Limpopo Province |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 3,3 billion (USD$ 194 million)<br>The final estimated investment requirements will depend on the final design, use of existing infrastructure and type of technologies to be deployed. |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Private Public Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Jobs and localization<br>· Access to High-Growth Markets<br>· Commercial business solution for doing business in Limpopo |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | Phase 1 completed and operational |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Connexion (LCX) |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Full Investment and equity shareholding in the Limpopo Broadband Network |
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## LIMPOPO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency and Partners |
| **DESCRIPTION** | The LSTP will serve as a hub for innovation clusters, focusing on smart specialization in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and other emerging sectors, fostering economic growth, job creation, and skills development.<br>As a key initiative in the Limpopo Development Plan 2020-2025, the LSTP will support the province's transition to the Fourth Industrial Revolution by offering a range of facilities, including offices, laboratories, incubators, and conferencing spaces. The park will play a critical role in diversifying the provincial economy, enhancing competitiveness, and building a sustainable knowledge-based economy.<br><br>**Project key components include**<br>• Infrastructure Development:(construction of modern facilities, including offices, laboratories, incubators, and warehousing),<br>• Development of essential bulk utility services<br>• Creation of innovation clusters focused on 4IR technologies.<br>• ICT and Innovation: Smart specialization clusters focusing on ICT and 4IR technologies |
| **SECTOR** | ICT |
| **LOCATION** | Polokwane City, Capricorn District, Limpopo Province |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR4.7 billion over a period of 15 years. (USD 276 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Private Public Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Jobs and localization |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | Initial Activities:<br>The concept for the LSTP was initiated in 2015/16, with a feasibility study and environmental impact assessment (EIA) completed. The Master Plan and Business Plan were developed and finalized in 2020 |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Connexion (LCX) |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Full Investment and equity shareholding in the Limpopo Science and Technology Park. |
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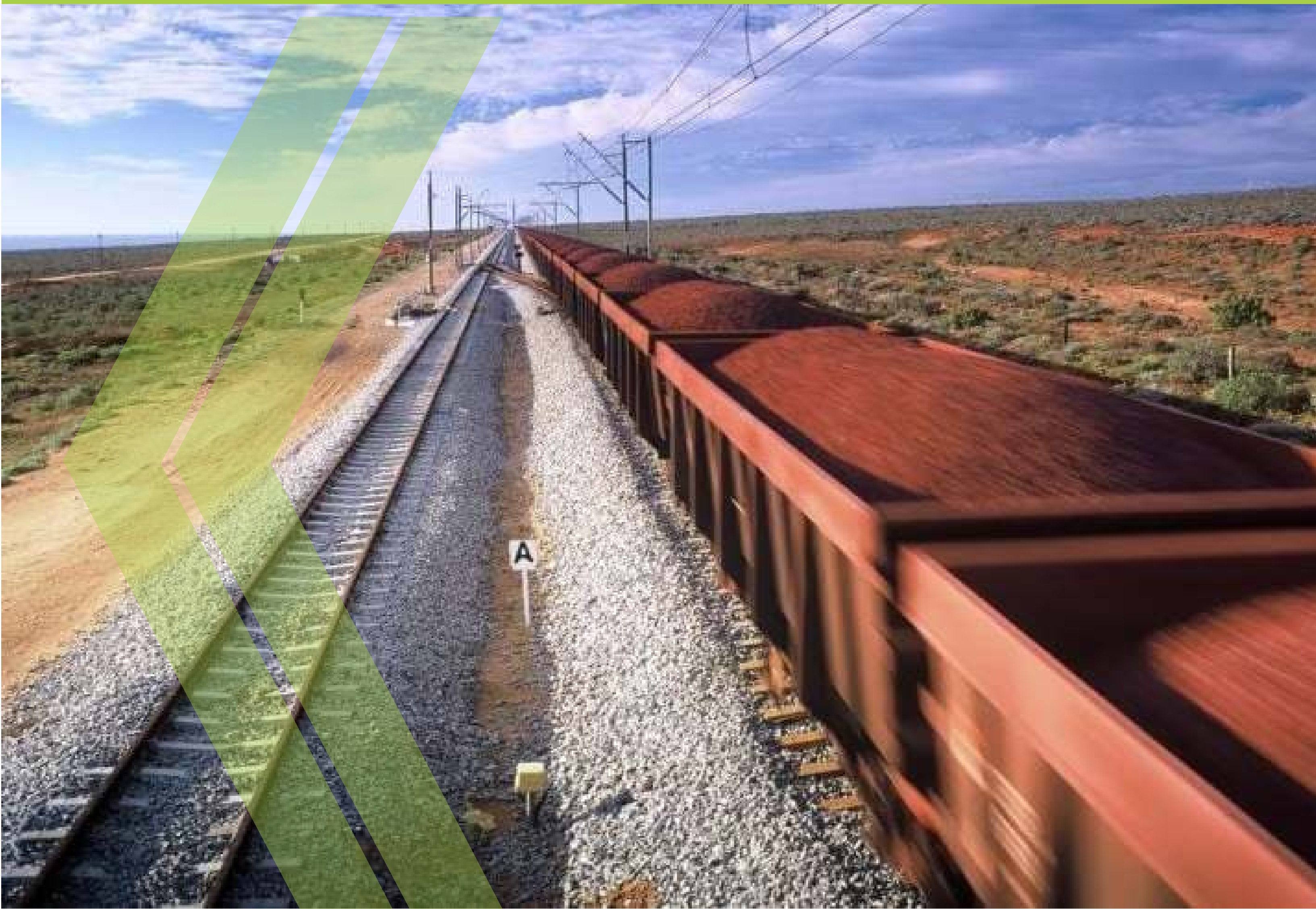
# Transport & Logistics



## MMSEZ REGIONAL FUEL STORAGE TERMINAL

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | MMSEZ Company SOC Ltd |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Development of a fuel storage and distribution terminal to support logistics and energy needs, enhancing energy security and supply Efficiency within the region. |
| **INPUT AVAILABILITY** | Fuel sourced from domestic refineries and imports via Transnet pipeline, Transnet Rail, and road freight. |
| **SECTOR** | Fuel Logistics |
| **LOCATION** | Musina Municipality - MMSEZ _ North site |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | Estimated ZAR 2.4 billion (USD 133 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Private Sector |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | Job creation during construction and operations, skills development, improved energy access, infrastructure development, and regional economic stimulation. |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | Pre-feasibility study completed and favourable |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Local private companies |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Equity investors, operations and maintenance partner, fuel logistics partner. |
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## GAAL -REFURBISHMENT OF FUEL FARM

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Gateway Airports Authority Limited |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Refurbishment of the airports fuel farm with the current capacity of 1 (one) million litres jet A1 fuel.<br>Fuel is an enabler for attraction of flights for refuelling and diversions for other South African Airports. e.g. ,OR Tambo being 35 min away from Polokwane.<br>The Airport has a one (1) million litre fuel farm which requires refurbishment and fueling equipment to accommodate the anticipated growth. There is enough land around the fuel farm that allows for an extension. Fuel is currently dispensed on a small scale through bowsers however increase in movement would require increase in availability of fuel and right fuel equipment. The farm provides an opportunity for bulk storage and dispensing of various types of fuel for trucks and airlines that are projected to frequent the airport. |
| **SECTOR** | Fuel Logistics |
| **LOCATION** | Polokwane International Airport. Polokwane, Limpopo |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 10 000 0000 (USD 568 000) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Public Private Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Employment creation and Airport efficiency |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | Planned to start in the financial year 2025/2026 |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Gateway Airports Authority Limited |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Equity partnership |
| **CONTACT INFORMATION** | Mokgadi Matli<br>mokgadi.matli@gaal.co.za |

## GAAL CARGO OPERATIONS PROJECT

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Gateway Airports Authority Limited |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Construction of Cargo Warehousing, cold storage units and Cargo Apron. Full Cargo warehouse facility with an expected annual storage capacity of more than 29,6 million kgs. Warehousing to be used predominantly for export market with every minimal local market usage.<br>The cargo operations are motivated by the abundance of agricultural produced and mining products in the province. |
| **SECTOR** | Aviation and Logistics |
| **LOCATION** | Polokwane International Airport. Polokwane, Limpopo |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 532 000 000 (USD 30 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Private Public Partnership with Limpopo Provincial Government |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Employment creation and improvement of airport efficiency |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | GAAL Cargo master plan completed |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Gateway Airports Authority Limited |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Equity partnership |
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## REFURBISHMENT OF PR MPHEPHU AIRPORT

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Gateway Airports Authority Limited |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Refurbishment and operationalization of the airport.<br>PR Mphephu Airport is a national airport that falls within the profile of the Limpopo Department of Transport and Community.The project is triggered by the huge economic and tourism growth in the Vhembe district. |
| **SECTOR** | Aviation and Logistics |
| **LOCATION** | Vuwani, Vhembe District , Limpopo Province |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 50 000 000 (USD 2.8 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Multi partnership model -with Municipalities, Strategic Partner (Investor) Limpopo Treasury , Traditional leaders |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Employment creation and boost local businesses |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | Request for Proposals have been advertised. |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Gateway Airports Authority Limited<br>· Support with all regulatory requirements and shareholding |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Equity partnership |
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# Real Estate & Property Development

# Real Estate &
## Property Development

### DZUMERI SHOPPING CENTRE

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Development of retail shopping Centre in Dzumeri area<br>The project will entail - Long-term leases from retail chain stores |
| **SECTOR** | Retail shopping |
| **LOCATION** | Dzumeri Village, Mopani District, Limpopo Province. |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR200 million (USD 11.28 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Public Private Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Employment creation and boost to rural economy |
| **Boost to rural economy PROJECT STATUS** | · Planning stage<br>· Investor to conduct a detailed feasibility study to refine financial and operational estimates |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Investment partnership with Limpopo Economic Development Agency and the Investor |
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## GA-PHOOKA MULTIPURPOSE COMPLEX

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Development of a multi-purpose complex at Ga Phooka |
| **SECTOR** | Retail shopping |
| **LOCATION** | Ga Phooka, Mopani District, Limpopo Province |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 7 billion (USD 395 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Public Private Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Employment creation and boost to rural economy |
| **Boost to rural economy PROJECT STATUS** | · Planning stage (green field development) |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency (LEDA) |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Investment partnership with Limpopo Economic Development Agency and the Investor |
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## RETAIL SHOPPING

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| **SECTOR** | Retail shopping |
| **LOCATION** | Bolobedu, Mopani District, Limpopo |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | ZAR 183 million (USD 10.3 million) |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Public Private Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Employment creation and boost to rural economy |
| **Boost to rural economy PROJECT STATUS** | · Project is at Packaging stage, with good progress |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Economic Development Agency |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Investment partnership with Limpopo Economic Development Agency and the Investor |
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# Tourism & Heritage

# Tourism
# And Heritage

## LEKGALAMEETSE NATURE RESERVE - LIMPOPO WILDLIFE RESORTS COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECT 1

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Department Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Resort Expansion (Leisure Tourism, Adventure Camp & trails, Conferencing facilities). Nature Reserve.<br>Current activities include self-game drives, wildlife photography, birding, hiking, picnicking and 4 x 4 challenge trails. Components of investment opportunity includes development following facilities<br>• Accommodation - Chalets, Log cabins, Camp sites<br>• Tourist Activities - Self game Drives, Wildlife photography, birding, Hiking trails, Picnicking, 4x4 Trails<br>• Conference Centre<br>• Restaurant<br>• Leisure Tourism Facilities (Resort Expansion) |
| **SECTOR** | Tourism |
| **LOCATION** | Capricorn and Mopani Districts, approximately 30 KM to the South of Tzaneen in Limpopo Province, South Africa |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | Investment in value on infrastructure development and operating costs to determine investor's own due diligence and feasibility assessment |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Public Private Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Employment creation and boost to rural economy |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | · Project approved by National Treasury<br>· Feasibility study conducted in 2017<br>· A new feasibility study to be conducted to refine financial and operational estimates |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Public Private Partnership (PPP) between Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) and Investor |
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## MASEBE NATURE RESERVE - LIMPOPO WILDLIFE RESORTS COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECT 2

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Department Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) |
| **DESCRIPTION** | Commercialization of the 4 500 ha Masebe Nature Reserve, a joint venture between the Limpopo government and the Bakenberg community.<br><br>• The park activities include Safari and Hunting cluster and adventure camp facilities and trails. The investment opportunity includes developing infrastructure and managing activities such as:<br><br>• Accommodation – chalets, log cabins, tent cabins, camp sites<br>Tourist activities – game self-drives, wildlife photography, birding, hiking trails, picnicking, 4x4 trails and cycling<br>• Conference facilities<br>• Restaurant |
| **SECTOR** | Tourism |
| **LOCATION** | Marken, Waterberg District, Limpopo, South Africa |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | Investment in value on infrastructure development and operating costs to determine investor's own due diligence and feasibility assessment |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Public Private Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Employment creation and boost to rural economy |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | · Project approved by National Treasury<br>· Feasibility study to be conducted by Investor to determine operational estimates |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Public Private Partnership (PPP) between Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) and Investor |
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## MAKUYA NATURE RESERVE (SINGO LODGE) - LIMPOPO WILDLIFE RESORTS COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECT 3

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Department Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) |
| **DESCRIPTION** | The reserve is situated along the edge of a cliff overlooking between the Makuya Nature Reserve and the Kruger National Park.<br><br>Makuya Nature Reserve has total land are of 16,000 hectares., lies in the north-eastern corner of Limpopo in the banks of the Luvubu River which forms a natural border and forms part of the Limpopo Trans-frontier Park.<br>Hippos, elephants and crocodiles are easy to spot along the Luvuvhu River, and game such as elephant, buffalo, lion, hyena, otter, impala, nyala, warthog and others roam freely between the Kruger National Park and Makuya Nature Reserve.<br><br>Activities at the reserve include Game Drives, Wildlife photography, Birding, Hiking trails, Picnicking, 4x4 Trails, Fishing and cycling, Big Five, Gorge & World view sites,<br><br>Components of investment and commercialization opportunity includes development infrastructure and management/ Activity/ Investor Concession in;<br>• Accommodation - Chalets, Log cabins, Tent cabins, Camp sites<br>• Tourist Activities - Game Drives, Wildlife photography, Birding, Hiking trails, Picnicking, 4x4 Trails, Fishing and cycling, Big Five<br>• Expansion of accommodation facilities<br>Expansion of resort facilities and activities |
| **SECTOR** | Tourism |
| **LOCATION** | Vhembe District of Limpopo Province, South Africa<br>-border with the Kruger National Park |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | Investment in value on infrastructure development and operating costs to determine investor’s own due diligence and feasibility assessment |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Public Private Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Employment creation and boost to rural economy |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | · Project approved by Provincial Treasury<br>· Feasibility study to be conducted by Investor to determine operational estimates |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Public Private Partnership (PPP) between Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) and Investor |
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## NWANEDI NATURE RESERVE
## LIMPOPO WILDLIFE RESORTS COMMERCIALIZATION PROJECT 4

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| **PROJECT PROMOTER / SPONSOR** | Limpopo Department Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) |
| **DESCRIPTION** | The reserve is located about 20 km east of Tshipise and 35 km north of Thohoyandou, to the west of Kruger National Park. The land size is approximately 11,170 hectares and includes a part of the wooded foothills of the Soutpansberg Range.<br><br>Lodged in the center of the majestic Venda Mountains in the northern parts of Limpopo, the resort is characterized by the varied landscapes, rich diversity of animals and Nwanedi and Lupepe dams (known as the Twin Dams) that add beauty to the area by virtue of waterfalls and streams flowing in and around the resort.<br>Activities include canoeing/kayaking, fishing, self-game drives, birding, mountain biking, hiking, camping, picnicking<br><br>Components of investment and commercialization opportunity includes development infrastructure and management/ Activity/ Investor Concession<br><br>· Accommodation - Chalets, Log cabins, Tent cabins, Camp sites, Picnic area<br>· Tourist Activities - Canoeing/Kayaking, Fishing, Self-Game Drives, Birding, Mountain Biking, Hiking, Camping, Picnicking<br>· Expansion of accommodation facilities<br>Expansion of resort facilities and activities |
| **SECTOR** | Tourism |
| **LOCATION** | Vhembe District Municipality, Limpopo province, South Africa |
| **ESTMATED PROJECT VALUE/COST** | Investment in value on infrastructure development and operating costs to determine investor's own due diligence and feasibility assessment |
| **PROJECT DELIVERY MODEL** | Public Private Partnership |
| **ECONOMIC IMPACT** | · Employment creation and boost to rural economy |
| **PROJECT STATUS** | · Project approved by Provincial Treasury<br>· Feasibility study to be conducted by Investor to determine operational estimates |
| **PROJECT PARTNERS** | Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) |
| **PROJECT REQUIREMENT / INVESTOR OPPORTUNITY** | Public Private Partnership (PPP) between Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) and Investor |
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# investSA ONE STOP SHOP

## LIMPOPO

**InvestSA One-Stop-Shop Limpopo**

InvestSA is an investment promotion agency that is a key part of South Africa's Department of Trade Industry and Competition. Its One Stop Shop initiative creates local hubs to accelerate the entire investment value chain. Common functions include:

- Provision of specialist advisory services to investors;
- Coordination of investor support requests across various line departments for registration, licensing, permits and investor incentives schemes; and
- Implementation of South Africa's regulatory reform/roadmap to improve the ease of doing business.

Investors can make an appointment, meet a government representative, and be guided through the process of setting up a business in South Africa.

**The investSA One Stop Shop Limpopo is operated by LEDA and provides access to various government entities, such as the:**

- South African Revenue Services
- Department of Home Affairs (VFS Premium Facilities)
- Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries
- Department of Employment and Labour
- Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development
- Department of Mineral Resources and Energy
- Department of Traditional Affairs
- Industrial Development Corporation
- Eskom
- National Regulator for Compulsory Specification
- Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency
- The Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC) on an appointment basis
- InvestSA
- Economic Development, Environment and Tourism
- Department of Trade, Industry and Competition
- Brand South Africa
- Fetakgomo-Tubatse Proposed Special Economic Zone
- Musina-Makhado Special Economic Zone
- Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
- South African Local Government Association

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