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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

**Wednesday, 9 June 2021 (08:00)
Virtual Meeting via MS Teams**

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, D (Chairperson)
Maseko, M
Van der Westhuizen, A

African National Congress

Nkondlo, N

Economic Freedom Fighters

Makamba-Botya, N

Additional Member

Mvimbi, L (ANC)

The following persons were in attendance:

Western Cape Provincial Parliament:

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms M Motsapi, Committee Assistant

Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Mr R Toefy, Deputy Director-General
Ms I van Schalkwyk, Chief Director: Tourism
Mr N Joseph, Chief Director
Ms B Mphalaza-Schiff, Chief Director: Economic Planning, Infrastructure and Coordination
Mr H Jonker, Director: Coordination of Industrial Development
Mr F Abrahams, Acting Director: Cape Catalyst

Wesgro

Mr T Harris, Chief Executive Officer
Mr Y Peprah, Chief Business Officer
Ms E Joubert, Acting Head: International Trade
Ms S Kajie, Head: Cape Investor Centre
Mr T Hendricks, Senior Manager: District Unit
Ms M Rorvik, Head: Film and Media
Ms N Smith-Clarke, Head: Export Advancement Programme
Ms G Naidoo, Company Scretariat

Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company

Ms K Beukes, Chief Executive Officer
Mr P Lakabane, Executive: Development Programme
Ms D Manuel, Executive: Stakeholder Management
Ms A Murray, Executive: Enterprise Development
Ms A Du Toit, Manager: Contractor Development
Mr S Matthews, Manager: Skills Development

Atlantis SEZ

Dr P Voges, Acting Chief Executive Officer
Ms W Saib, Chief Financial Officer
Mr E Fischat, Executive: Integrated Eco-System Management

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson welcomed the Members, the officials from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and its entities; Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company, Wesgro and Atlantis SEZ, and the members of the public to the meeting. The Chairperson noted the apologies from Mr S Fourie (Head of Department) who could not attend the meeting, as well as Member N Makamba-Botya (EFF) who had to leave the meeting early.

The Chairperson noted the Rules of Engagement for virtual meetings and proceeded with the agenda items below.

2. Briefing by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and its Entities; Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company, Wesgro and Atlantis SEZ on its various skills programmes

The Department of Economic Development and Tourism briefed the Committee on its Business Process Outsourcing and Work Placement Programmes.

The Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company briefed the Committee on its skills training and education programmes for the Oil, Gas and Maritime industry.

The Atlantis SEZ briefed the Committee on its skills and education programmes in respect of energy and coding.

Wesgro briefed the Committee on its Export Advancement Promotion Programme, and the outcomes of their online webinars and virtual international tours.

The Committee asked questions based on the presentations and information received.

3. Consideration and Adoption of the Draft Committee Minutes

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Minutes of 12 May 2021, without amendments.

The Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Minutes of 26 May 2021, with minor amendments.

4. Resolutions/Actions

4.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the Department of Economic Development and Tourism:

4.1.1 Engage with the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities on the challenges experienced with the Culture, Art, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority (CATTHSETA), specifically the six-month backlog challenge, so that the Minister can engage with the appropriate National Minister to resolve the matter;

4.1.2 Provide the Committee with monthly reports on the CATHSSETA matter until the backlog has been reduced; and

4.1.3 Provide the Committee with a brief report on the extent to which the Department and Entities can encourage leveraging of more funding from other funds such as the National Skills Fund and the Sector Education and Training Authorities, for additional training and skills programmes in order to increase the number of learners in these programmes.

4.2 The Committee FURTHER REQUESTED that the Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company:

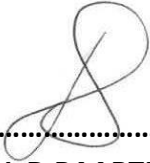
4.2.1 Engages with the Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities on the challenges experienced with the Construction Education and Training Authority;

4.2.2 Develops a strategy for online learning and training for their learners; and

4.2.3 Works with the Department of Basic Education and the Department of Economic Development and Tourism to develop a plan for online learning so that they can continue with their skills programmes.

- 4.3 The Committee RECOMMENDED that the Atlantis Special Economic Zone invites the Minister and Committee to their events.
- 4.4 The Committee congratulated the Department of Economic Development and Tourism on the training of unemployed persons and FURTHER RECOMMENDED that they continue to scale-up these training and work placement programmes.

The meeting adjourned at 11h37.



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ADV. D BAARTMAN, MPP

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND
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