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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Thursday, 25 November 2021 (08:00)

Hybrid Meeting via MS Teams and in person in the Chamber, 6th Floor, 7 Wale

Street

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Democratic Alliance

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

African National Congress

Bans, A (Alternate)

Economic Freedom Fighters

Makamba-Botya, N

Apology

Nkondlo, N (ANC)

Additional Member

Brinkhuis, G (Al Jama-ah)

The following persons were in attendance:

Minister D Maynier (Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities) and officials from the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Wesgro, Atlantis SEZ and Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company

^{*}Please see attached attendance list

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Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer
Ms M Motsapi, Committee Assistant
Mr W Naidoo, COVID Compliance Officer

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and read out the rules of engagement for officials and members of the public attending via the virtual platform, MS Teams. The Chairperson tabled an apology from Member N Nkondlo (ANC), and allowed for brief introductions by the Minister, Head of Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Wesgro, Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company and Atlantis SEZ once it was time for the deliberations on the respective 2020/21 Annual Reports.

2. Discussion on the 2020/21 Annual Report for the Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Minister Maynier and Mr S Fourie (Head of Department) gave a brief overview of the 2020/21 Annual Report focusing on the highlights and challenges experienced in the financial year.

The Committee deliberated on the 2020/21 Annual Report of the Department.

The Chairperson thanked the Department for its preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee Members.

The Chairperson opened the floor for public comments and noted that there were no further questions or comments from any members of the public.

3. Discussion on the 2020/21 Annual Report for Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company (SOC) Ltd

Ms K Beukes (CEO) and Mr T Salman (Chairperson of the Board) gave a brief overview of the 2020/21 Annual Report of the SBIDZ, focusing on the highlights and challenges experienced in the financial year.

The Committee deliberated on the SBIDZ's 2020/21 Annual Report.

The Chairperson thanked the SBIDZ for its preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee Members.

The Chairperson opened the floor for public comments and noted that there were no further questions or comments from any members of the public.

4. Discussion on the 2020/21 Annual Report for the Atlantis SEZ

The Chairperson welcomed the officials from the Atlantis SEZ (ASEZ) and congratulated them for the first tabling of their Annual Report.

Dr P Voges (Acting CEO) gave a brief overview of the 2020/21 Annual Report of the ASEZ, focusing on the highlights and challenges experienced in the financial year.

The Committee deliberated on the ASEZ's 2020/21 Annual Report.

The Chairperson thanked the ASEZ for its preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee Members.

The Chairperson opened the floor for public comments and noted that there were no further questions or comments from any members of the public.

5. Discussion on the 2020/21 Annual Report for WESGRO

Ms W Stander (CEO) and Mr M Spicer (Chairperson of the Board) gave a brief overview of the 2020/21 Annual Report of Wesgro, focusing on the highlights and challenges experienced in the financial year.

The Committee deliberated on Wesgro's 2020/21 Annual Report.

The Chairperson thanked Wesgro for its preparation and responses to the questions raised by the Committee Members.

The Chairperson opened the floor for public comments and noted that there were no further questions or comments from any members of the public.

6. Committee Matters

The Chairperson informed the Committee that a letter had been received from the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Board (WCGRB) inviting the Committee to comment on the viability and desirability of the roll out of the Type B, C and D Limited Pay-out Machine sites and the issuing of a request for proposal for a third Route Operator Licence in the Western Cape.

However, the Chairperson advised the Committee, in respect of procedural and legal advice given, that the Committee should not comment on the process, given the oversight role it has over the WCGRB and possible future issues that the Committee might need to oversee, which could result in a possible conflict of interest.

The Members agreed that the Committee should not comment on this matter.

7. Resolutions/Actions

The Committee RESOLVED that Members would forward any resolutions, recommendations and requests for information to the Procedural Officer by 12:00 on Friday, 26 November 2021.

Having concluded its business for the day, the meeting adjourned at 13h25.

ADV D BAARTMAN, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

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