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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM**

*Tuesday 29 October 2024 (at 08:00), Chamber, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 7 Wale Street*

**PRESENT**

**Members**

**Democratic Alliance**

Bryant, DW  
Masipa, NP (Chairperson)  
Mbombo, N  
Wessels, DJ

**African National Congress**

Stoffel, B (Alternate member)

**Al Jama-ah**

Brinkhuis, G

**Apologies**

Constable, N - Patriotic Alliance  
Nkondlo, ND – African National Congress

**The following persons were in attendance:**

**Ministry of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism**

Dr I Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism

**Department of Economic Development and Tourism**

Ms J Johnston, Head of Department  
Mr R Toefy, Deputy Director General - Economic Operations  
Ms M Abrahams, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms I Van Schalkwyk, Chief Director - Economic Sector Support  
Mr J Peters, Chief Director - Economic Enablement  
Mr N Joseph, Chief Director - Skills Development  
Mr T Parle, Chief Director - Digital Economy  
Ms T Chipeya, Director - Research  
Mr F Abrahams, Acting Director - Cape Catalyst  
Mr H Jonker, Director - Industrial Coordination  
Ms O Dyers, Director - Digital Leadership  
Mr J Wolmarans, Director - Enterprise Development

Ms M Ellis, Director - Red Tape Reduction  
Ms F Dharsey, Director - Municipal Economic Support  
Ms R Loghdey, Director - Skills Incentives  
Ms M Parker, Director - Provincial Skills Partnership  
Ms C van Niekerk, Acting Director - Skills Programmes and Projects  
Ms C Julies, Director - Strategic and Operational Support  
Ms W Conrad, Director - Culture Journey  
Mr G Dingaen, Director – Agri-Processing Sector  
Mr R Le Bron, Deputy Director – Management Accounting  
Ms M Carstens, Deputy Director - Communication

### **Western Cape Destination Marketing, Investment and Trade Promotion Agency (WESGRO)**

Dr S Zinn, Chairperson of the Board  
Mr S Ndwandwa, Audit and Risk Chairperson  
Ms W Stander, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr S Gcwabe, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms G Darries, Chief of Staff  
Ms C Smith, Head – Monitoring and Evaluation  
Ms J Scheltema, Chief Marketing Officer

### **Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone (SBIDZ)**

Mr N Matjie, Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Mr H Boneschan, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr S Marthinus, Company Secretary  
Mr C Joseph, Executive - Stakeholder Management  
Ms K Molemane, Executive - Infrastructure and Environment  
Mr G Geldenhuys, Executive - Transaction and Investor Support  
Ms S Neumann, Acting Executive - Ease of Doing Business  
Ms V Davidson, Special Project Manager - GH2 and Marine Infrastructure  
Mr E Laubscher, Financial Accountant  
Mr S Marthinus, Legal Adviser  
Ms T Kobese, Human Resources Officer  
Mr D Paulse, Financial Officer

### **Atlantis Special Economic Zone (ASEZ)**

Mr M Cullinan, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms W Saib, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms F Williams, Company Secretary  
Mr J Lyons, Executive - Business Development  
Ms A Vos, Executive - Commercial  
Ms J Modipa, Executive - Sustainable Infrastructure and Zone Operations  
Mr S Willoughby, Executive - Integrated Ecosystem  
Mr H Smith, Executive – Enterprise Development  
Ms S Tetyana, Human Resources Specialist  
Ms S Dangor, Financial Controller

### **Auditor-General South Africa**

Mr T Mohlomi, Stakeholder Relations

### **Member of the public**

Mr A Gili, Ward Councillor – Witzenberg Municipality

## **WCPP Officials**

Ms S Niekerk, Procedural Officer  
Ms N Mshumpela, Committee Assistant  
Mr S Hassam, Information Technology Assistant  
Ms C Morris, Information Technology Assistant

### **1. Opening and welcome**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed the members of the Committee, the Minister, Head of Department, Chairperson of the WESGRO Board, the Chief Executive Officers of WESGRO, SBIDZ and ASEZ, the Departmental officials, members of the public and those who were watching the live proceedings on YouTube.

### **2. Discussion of the Annual Reports of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism, WESGRO, SBIDZ and ASEZ (2023/24)**

The Minister and Head of Department provided a brief overview of the Annual Report of the Department, focussing on the highlights and challenges in the 2023/24 financial year.

The Chairperson of the WESGRO Board and the Chief Executive Officers of WESGRO, SBIDZ and ASEZ provided the same for their respective entities.

The Committee proceeded to a discussion on Part A: General Information, Part B: Performance Information and Part D: Human Resource Management of the Annual Reports of the Department and its entities.

The Committee deliberated.

Councillor Gili was provided an opportunity to ask questions to which the Department responded.


### **3. Resolutions/Actions**

- 3.1. The Committee RESOLVED that it would undertake an oversight visit to the Cape Town Port to assess progress on challenges that were identified in the previous parliamentary term, particularly regarding the impact of port conditions on operations and infrastructure readiness for imports and exports.
- 3.2. The Committee REQUESTED that the Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development, and Tourism provides it with a written report detailing the strategy to address extortion within the township economic environment.

### **4. Closing**

The Committee further noted its appreciation to the Department of Economic Development and Tourism and its reporting entities for presenting their Annual Reports for the 2023/24 financial year and for obtaining an unqualified audit opinion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

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**MR NP MASIPA, MPP**

**CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND  
TOURISM**

Date: 15 November 2024