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### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

# STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND TOURISM

Wednesday, 27 May 2020 (09:00), Virtual Meeting via MS Teams, Cape Town

#### **ATTENDANCE**

## **Members:**

#### **Democratic Alliance**

Baartman, D (Chairperson) Mitchell, D Van der Westhuizen, A

## **African National Congress**

Nkondlo, N (ANC)

#### **Additional Member**

Mvimbi, L (ANC)

# **Absent**

Makamba-Botya, N

## Officials and Members of the Public

### **ArcelorMittal South Africa**

Mr K Verster, Chief Executive Officer Mr G Griffiths, Head of Strategy Mr T Didiza, Head of Stakeholder Relations Mr A Louis, Acting Head of Saldanha Operations

# **Department of Trade, Industry and Competition**

Ms T Phele

# Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Wesgro and Saldanha Bay IDZ Licencing Company

Ms J Johnston, Deputy Director-General Ms B Mpahlaza, Chief Director Mr H Jonker, Director

## **Western Cape Provincial Parliament**

Ms Z Adams, Procedural Officer
Ms L Cloete, Senior Procedural Officer

#### 1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed the Members and informed the Committee that apologies were received from Provincial Minister D Maynier, National Minister E Patel, the Director-General of the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, and the Head of the Department of Economic Development and Tourism.

The Chairperson informed all Members and attendees of the Rules of Engagement for virtual meetings. Members also agreed that they would proceed with having all three briefings and then one question and answer session for all presenters.

2. Briefing by ArcelorMittal South Africa (AMSA) on the winding down of operations in Saldanha Bay

Mr Verster briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

3. Briefing by the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) on Assistance provided to AMSA during the winding down of operations in Saldanha Bay

Ms Phele, Mr Vawda and Ms Naidoo briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

4. Briefing by the Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDAT) on the assistance provided to AMSA during the winding down of operations in Saldanha Bay

Ms Johnston and Mr Jonker briefed the Committee on the subject at hand.

The Committee deliberated on all three presentations.

5. Discussion on the resolutions for the Draft Oversight Report to Mitchell's Plain and consideration and adoption of the draft Committee Report

The Committee deliberated on and agreed to resolutions for the Committee's draft Oversight Report to Mitchell's Plain (resolutions contained in the report). Once the resolutions were agreed to, the Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Report.

 Discussion on the resolutions for the Draft Oversight Report to Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company site, and consideration and adoption of the draft Committee Report

The Committee deliberated on and agreed to resolutions for the Committee's draft Oversight Report to the Saldanha Bay Industrial Development Zone Licencing Company site (resolutions contained in the report). Once the resolutions were agreed to, the Committee considered and adopted the draft Committee Report.

# 7. Resolutions/Actions

- 7.1 The Committee REQUESTED that the following be provided:
- 7.1.1 A report from DEDAT on the five businesses that applied for assistance, and what the outcomes were after submitting the applications;
- 7.1.2 A report from the DTIC and DEDAT on how the departments are working with other spheres of government on the AMSA matter and how they are integrating their approaches and responses. The report should also speak to the difference between the DTIC's Steel Masterplan and the West Coast Industrial Plan;
- 7.2.3 A more detailed report from DTIC on the repurposing of Highveld Steel Plant;
- 7.2.4 A report from AMSA on the repurposing of the non-operational part of the Saldanha Plant and the cost of protection and maintenance thereof;
- 7.2.5 A report from DEDAT on the 20 subcontractors that they supported and what the outcome was for each subcontractor;
- 7.2.6 A copy of the DTIC's Steel Masterplan and SARS Payment Pricing System once finalised; and
- 7.2.7 A copy of DEDAT's West Coast Industrial Plan if available.
- 7.2 The Committee RESOLVED that it would undertake a visit to Highveld Industrial Park, once it is deemed safe to travel in respect of COVID-19 regulations.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10.

ADV D BAARTMAN, MPP

CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND

**TOURISM** 

**DATE: 22 July 2020**