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# ELIDZ ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

*The East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Thembela Zweni as the new Chief Executive Officer, effective 1 July 2024. Mr Zweni's appointment marks a significant milestone in the ELIDZ's journey towards fostering industrial growth and economic development in the Eastern Cape.*



Mr Zweni brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record in the industrial sector, having been with ELIDZ for over 18 years. Throughout his tenure, he has held various executive positions and served as the Chief Operations Officer since 2016. Over the past three months, he has served as the interim CEO, demonstrating exceptional leadership and strategic vision. His tenure as interim CEO has been marked by significant achievements, including enhanced stakeholder engagement, improved operational efficiencies, and a renewed focus on sustainable development.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mr Zweni as our new CEO," exclaimed Professor Mlungisi Makalima, Chairperson of the ELIDZ Board of Directors. "His extensive experience and deep understanding of our strategic objectives make him the ideal leader to steer the ELIDZ towards future growth and innovation. With a proven track record in driving operational excellence and fostering sustainable development, Mr Zweni is well-positioned to leverage our strengths and forge new pathways that attract investment, stimulate job creation, and propel economic development in the region. We have full confidence that under his leadership, the ELIDZ will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the Eastern Cape's economic landscape."

Mr Zweni's vision for the ELIDZ includes strengthening partnerships with both local and international investors, fostering a culture of innovation, and ensuring that the ELIDZ remains at the forefront of industrial development in South Africa. His strategic initiatives will focus on enhancing the infrastructure and services offered by the ELIDZ, thereby providing an optimal environment for businesses to thrive.

"I am honoured and excited to take on the role of CEO at ELIDZ," said Mr Zweni. "I look forward to working with our dedicated team, stakeholders, and partners to build on our successes and drive the growth and development of the industrial sector in the Eastern Cape. Together, we will continue to create a vibrant and prosperous industrial development zone that benefits our community and our economy."

The ELIDZ has consistently served as a pivotal force driving industrial development in the Eastern Cape, successfully attracting substantial investments and playing a crucial role in job creation across various sectors. Under Mr Zweni's leadership, the ELIDZ is poised not only to continue but to accelerate its impactful contributions to the region's economic landscape. His extensive experience and strategic vision will bolster efforts to expand infrastructure, foster innovation, and strengthen partnerships, ensuring sustained growth and prosperity for the local community and broader economy alike.

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# ELIDZ UNVEILS NEW INVESTMENTS

*On Thursday, 25 April 2024, the East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) proudly unveiled significant investments poised to elevate the renewable energy sector within the Zone. Collectively, these investments, valued at approximately R1.3 billion are expected to generate approximately 1134 new employment opportunities.*



During the ELIDZ Investor Launch and Stakeholder Engagement event, hosted at ELIDZ, Eastern Cape Province Premier Lubabalo Oscar Mabuyane welcomed the new operationalised investments in the ELIDZ.

He said: “Investments are indeed raining down non-stop in the Eastern Cape. It is therefore my honour and privilege to declare that Thezi Langa, Bushveld Electrolyte (Pty) Ltd and Ram Hand-to-Hand Couriers are now our partners in building the Eastern Cape we want. We extended a word of gratitude to the owners of Thezi Langa, Bushveld Energy and Ram Hand-to-Hand Couriers for choosing to invest in our province. There are nine provinces in South Africa, but they decided to make the Eastern Cape the home of their investments.”

Bushveld Electrolyte Company (Pty) Ltd, a local manufacturing company for vanadium-based electrolyte. The initiative which is a joint operation between Bushveld Electrolyte Company (Pty) Ltd and the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), valued at R400 million with approximately 59 new direct jobs expected to be created by this initiative. Their investment marks a significant stride towards establishing capacity for vanadium-based electrolyte for supply to the global Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) market and supply chain. This is part of enhancing the province's competitiveness as a strategic hub for innovative manufacturing.

Another notable Investment comes from Thezi Langa (Pty) Ltd, valued at R920 million, aimed at developing a 50MW groundbreaking photovoltaic solar plant within the ELIDZ's Ntabozuko Precinct. The initiative is expected to create 1000 direct and indirect jobs during a two-year construction period and an estimate of 25 new direct jobs during a 20-year operation and management period. The aim is to increase the independent energy generation capacity within the Eastern Cape and provide renewable energy to both private and public sectors. This is part of exploring the thriving renewable energy sector and attracting further industrial capacity and investment into the province.

The latest investment contributing to the ELIDZ's flourishing logistics sector comes from RAM Hand-to-Hand Couriers, with a value of R18 million. RAM Hand-to-Hand Couriers is set to establish one of its Eastern Cape base Hub within the ELIDZ, as part of their expansion initiative.

RAM Hand-to-Hand Couriers has 42 hubs around South Africa, employs over 2000 employees and has a fleet in excess of 1800 vehicles. With this extensive infrastructure, the hub in the ELIDZ will enable RAM Hand-to-Hand Couriers to receive shipments from around the country and attend to the collection and delivery of shipments in East London and its surrounds to all corners of South Africa. This initiative will contribute 50 direct jobs at the ELIDZ Hub.

For nearly two decades, the ELIDZ has been at the forefront of championing and diversifying investment attraction in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM) region. The ELIDZ's commitment to drive industrial development has catalysed economic advancement throughout the Eastern Cape province and beyond.

This high-profile gathering was graced by the presence of the Honourable Premier Oscar Mabuyane, the MEC for the Department of Economic Development Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), Mr Mlungisi Mvoko, new investors, the ELIDZ Board of Directors, Buffalo City Municipality Development Agency (BCMDA) Board Chairperson, and the former ELIDZ Board members.

MEC Mvoko, while providing an overview of the recent developments at the ELIDZ and announcing the new investments, expressed words of gratitude.

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"We are excited by the arrival of the three investors at this great institution as these bring massive job and business opportunities but also assist to boost the economy of the Eastern Cape. Attracting investments has been a priority for this government, especially during the 6th administration. When we came in at the beginning of the current term, we had set ourselves targets in investment attraction. I am glad that we have succeeded in achieving our targets and we have gone on to overachieve in this area," said Mr Mvoko.

Summing up his remarks, he extended heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing the ELIDZ former CEO, Mr Kondlo.

"I would also like to bid farewell to the outgoing ELIDZ CEO, Mr Kondlo. I must say that in years to come, it will be difficult to talk about the ELIDZ without mentioning the name of Mr Kondlo. Considering the great work that he has done for this institution and the province, it is fitting to accord him a legendary status."

The ELIDZ's enormous contribution to revitalising the local economy and creating a favourable environment for both foreign and direct investments is notable. Despite encountering various challenges, the ELIDZ remains steadfast in its commitment to support new investors in settling within the Zone.

The ELIDZ Board Chairperson, Professor Mlungisi Makalima, stated that the work that the ELIDZ is doing to attract investment and drive industrialisation is nothing but a manifestation of the ELIDZ's mandate to ensure diversification in the economy of the Eastern Cape province.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr Kondlo for his steadfast leadership, unwavering dedication, and transformative contributions to the ELIDZ. Under his guidance, we have achieved remarkable strides, pushed boundaries, and set new benchmarks. His impact will resonate within our organisation for years to come," added Professor Makalima.

Former ELIDZ CEO, Mr Kondlo, reflected on his journey at the ELIDZ, he highlighted that it has been an exciting journey of trials and tribulations. In his remarks he recognised all the key role players that played a significant role in ensuring the establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZ's) in South Africa. He further extended words of appreciation to the organised businesses operating within the Buffalo City region and beyond.

"None of this would have happened without the cooperation and support of the ELIDZ's respective stakeholders, the ELIDZ success hinges on the unwavering support of our stakeholders. Today we pride ourselves as the prime industrial destination because of continuous support and active involvement of our respective stakeholders in all levels. I would like to further extend my words of appreciation to the ELIDZ investors / tenants, they are the driving force behind our growth".

"We exist for something bigger than ourselves, we carry the hopes and dreams of this region. May the ELIDZ's endeavours unite communities, ignite passions, and paint a brighter future for all," added Mr Kondlo.





# A SIGNIFICANT BOOST IN THE RENEWABLE ENERGY LANDSCAPE WITHIN THE ELIDZ

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This initiative is a joint venture between Bushveld Energy Company (Pty) Ltd and the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), with an investment of R400 million. As part of the recently unveiled investments, the East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) welcomed Bushveld Electrolyte (Pty) Ltd, a local manufacturer of vanadium-based electrolyte.

This initiative is a joint venture between Bushveld Energy Company (Pty) Ltd and the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), with an investment of R400 million. The project is set to create approximately 59 new direct jobs. Their investment marks a significant stride towards establishing capacity for vanadium-based electrolyte for supply to the global Vanadium Redox Flow Battery (VRFB) market and supply chain. This is part of enhancing the province's competitiveness as a strategic hub for innovative manufacturing. This new development underscores the ELIDZ's commitment to fostering industrial growth and expanding its manufacturing footprint.

This project is part of improving the supply of energy in South Africa, as well as to develop and promote the role of vanadium in the growing global market for energy storage through vanadium redox flow batteries. Additionally, this is part of demonstrating the potential of vanadium-based storage solutions for industrial settings.

The ELIDZ Interim CEO, Thembele Zweni stated that Bushveld Electrolyte (Pty) Ltd is one of the experienced companies that places sustainability at the core of their operations.

"Working with a company that adheres to international standards and exceed compliance requirements is beneficial for the ELIDZ. Apart from the investment aspect of our relationship with Bushveld, as the ELIDZ, we aim to reduce carbon emissions, minimise waste generation and increase the use of renewable energy sources. This means we need to operate responsibly, respect the environmental, social and governance issues and add value to all our respective stakeholders," said Mr Zweni.

The ELIDZ esteemed recognition as the leading Eco-Industrial Park, awarded by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation's (UNIDO) through the Global Eco-Industrial Park Programme (GEIPP), highlights the ELIDZ'S unparalleled commitment to protecting the environment.

Significantly, the Bushveld Electrolyte (Pty) Ltd plays a crucial role in the manufacturing of long-life batteries, enabling the storage of energy from renewable sources like the sun and wind.

This home-grown investment comes at a time where industries globally are under pressure to respond to the EU emission targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 55% by 2030. This requires industrial locations such as the ELIDZ to be at the forefront of developing and implementing strategies to introduce renewable energy sources into the South African energy mix.

Mr Zweni highlighted that the ELIDZ had developed a long-term plan that will ensure that the Zone prioritises energy infrastructure that would enable the Zone to provide its tenant industries with efficiency, affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy. The plan is to prioritise the production and usage of an optimal energy mix approach containing solar, wind, green hydrogen, biogas and energy storage systems. da Ntswayi-Ntswayi.



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## THEZILANGA PROJECT TO BOLSTER LOCAL INDUSTRIES DURING LOADSHEDDING

*As part of its recently unveiled investments, the East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) has launched Thezilanga, a significant investment aimed at resolving Buffalo City's electricity issues and supporting local industries during loadshedding.*

**TheziLanga**  
Pty Ltd

Thezilanga is a 50MW solar photovoltaic project located in the ELIDZ's Renewable Energy Park in Ntabozuko (formerly Berlin). Valued at R920 million, this project is set to supply 50MW of green energy to the city's grid within the next two years, creating over 1,000 construction jobs and 25 permanent jobs.

Eastern Cape Premier Lubabalo Mabuyane highlighted the dual benefits of the project, including mitigating loadshedding impacts and aligning with global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 55% by 2030.

"Industrial locations like the ELIDZ must lead in integrating renewable energy into South Africa's energy mix," said Mabuyane.

Mabuyane praised the directors of Thezilanga for their perseverance over the past decade, navigating regulatory challenges and institutional hurdles. "Ten years ago, the renewable energy sector faced many unknowns, but Thezilanga's vision is now a reality," he stated.

Patrick Nawa, a director of Thezilanga, acknowledged the substantial support from ELIDZ, Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM), and Provincial and National governments. Securing an off taker for the generated energy was crucial, and BCMM's engagement with the Minister of Electricity facilitated expedited regulatory approval under Section 32(2) of the Electricity Regulation Act of 2006. Nawa expressed confidence that construction would commence within the next two months.

The project's first milestone involves upgrading BCMM's Kemba sub-station to accommodate the photovoltaic plant. Nawa emphasized

the importance of this upgrade, noting that ELIDZ's readiness with the necessary transformers eliminates a lengthy manufacturing lead time. He lauded ELIDZ's leadership for their proactive infrastructure development.

Reflecting on his extensive experience in China, Nawa remarked, "The ELIDZ's infrastructure and support for new industries rival the best industrial zones globally."

Thembela Zweni, ELIDZ's interim CEO, noted that Thezilanga is part of a broader strategy to enhance the zone's energy infrastructure, thereby attracting more industrial investment to the province. "Independent energy generation will improve the enabling environment for further industrial capability," Zweni said. The ELIDZ's long-term plan includes a diverse energy mix of solar, wind, green hydrogen, biogas, and energy storage systems to ensure efficient, affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy for its tenants.

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# RAM HAND-TO-HAND COURIERS EXPANDS TO ELIDZ WITH R 18 MILLION INVESTMENT.

*RAM Hand-to-Hand Couriers is among the latest announced investments by the East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ). Part of a series of recently unveiled investments, this R18 million project is expected to create approximately 50 employees at the new hub to be established within the ELIDZ.*



RAM is a market leader in the South African Courier Industry with specific focus on servicing many South Africa's major retailers, chains and financial institutions including three of the leading cellular service providers.

This is part of their expansion initiative, and to address the need for a seamless, reliable, speedy, efficient and cost-effective courier and express parcel services. Currently, RAM has 42 hubs around South Africa, employs over 3,000 employees and has a fleet more than 2,000 vehicles. These sizable numbers are a testament to their successful scaling over the years.

RAM continues to adapt and evolve in the competitive world of logistics, with their extensive infrastructure. The hub within the ELIDZ will enable RAM to receive shipments from around the country and attend to the collection and delivery of shipments in East London and its surrounds, to all corners of South Africa.

Alan Da Costa stated that RAM has the capability to provide national and international distribution services. This is in line with our intention of taking existing, proven initiatives and innovations into new areas, particularly in the Eastern Cape.

He further reiterated that RAM is leading the innovation in providing better customer service by continuously improving the way they do their business. "Our company has 42 branches in Southern Africa servicing companies that have a footprint in the entire country including SADC countries."

According to ELIDZ Interim CEO, Thembela Zweni, "RAM's decision to settle within the ELIDZ is greatly appreciated. This move will assist in the growth of our flourishing logistics sector, enhance the developmental direction of the ELIDZ, and allow us to explore new avenues aimed at creating a diversified environment."

RAM's expansion commended during the Investor Launch and Stakeholder Engagement Event. It was highlighted that their significant investment plays a crucial role in addressing the socio-economic issues.

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# ELIDZ DONATES SPORTS EQUIPMENT TO EMPOWER YOUTH

*In commemoration of Youth Month, the East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) participated in the Eastern Cape's 2024 Provincial Youth Month Celebrations on Youth Day, 16 June 2024. The event was held at Moko Grounds in eziHlahleni Village, Debe Raymond Mhlaba Ward 1, and it was hosted by the Office of the Premier (OTP).*

The celebration aimed to highlight and create exposure to available opportunities for youth. The event also served as a platform for various government departments and entities to showcase their initiatives, programmes, and projects developed for youth. Additionally, the event included handovers of material support to the various beneficiaries, demonstrating a commitment to empower the youth with tangible resources and opportunities.

As part of its commitment to youth development, the ELIDZ donated sports equipment valued at R120,000.00 to three local sport clubs, namely Cosmos Sports Club, Evergreen Rugby Club, and Hotspot Boxing Academy. This significant donation aims to empower local youth by increasing their access to sports and recreation opportunities, thereby promoting healthy lifestyles and community engagement.

Situated in areas facing substantial socio-economic challenges and barriers, the youth often encounter difficulties, including high levels of unemployment and poverty. Consequently, they are often vulnerable or exposed to acts of crime and substance abuse. These hardships and unfavourable conditions underscore the necessity for initiatives that emphasise the significant impact of sporting and recreational opportunities. Additionally, these also stress the importance of offering essential resources, raising awareness, and fostering positive engagement to break the cycle of social disadvantages.

This meaningful contribution reflects the ELIDZ's unwavering commitment to supporting initiatives dedicated to making a positive impact and promoting community development within the Eastern

Cape Province. With qualities and values strongly aligned to corporate social responsibility and corporate citizenship, the ELIDZ aims to continuously create change by investing in the potential of our youth and shaping their future. By empowering the next generation of leaders, pioneers, and change-makers, the ELIDZ is committed to fostering a positive and sustainable impact in our communities.

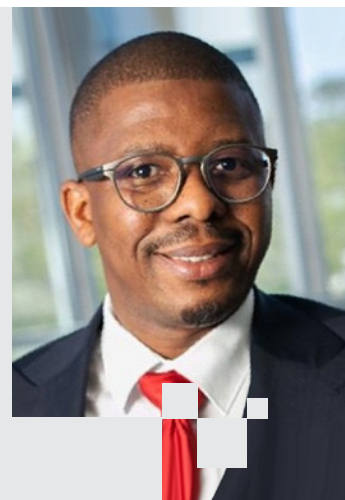
Speaking with the beneficiaries, the ELIDZ Interim CEO, Thembela Zweni reiterated that through initiatives addressing socio-economic challenges and providing essential resources and opportunities, the ELIDZ is dedicated to nurturing the talent and aspirations of young people. "This commitment will hopefully help them overcome barriers and achieve their full potential through youth development-related initiatives," he said.

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# ELIDZ WELCOMES NEW SENIOR MANAGER TO SPEARHEAD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTOR SUPPORT

*The East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Mr Ricardo de Beer as the new Senior Manager: Business Development & Investor Support.*



Mr de Beer arrival comes at a pivotal moment for the ELIDZ, amidst a period of leadership transition and against the backdrop of an uncertain South African economic landscape, influenced by the outcomes of the recent national government elections.

In his role, Mr de Beer will leverage his extensive experience to drive business development and provide robust support to the ELIDZ investors and tenants. His vision for the ELIDZ is to foster a dynamic environment conducive to growth and innovation, while his expectations center on establishing strong, collaborative relationships with stakeholders to navigate the challenges ahead successfully.

With a strategic mindset and a commitment to excellence, Mr De Beer is poised to contribute significantly to the ELIDZ's mission of advancing industrial development and economic prosperity in the region.

Mr De Beer brings a wealth of experience to the table. With a keen eye for innovation and a strategic approach to growth, he has consistently demonstrated his ability to identify and nurture potential business opportunities. His vision for the future is rooted in sustainable development and creating value for stakeholders.

Mr De Beer, shares his experience, vision and expectations:

## **Q: CAN YOU SHARE YOUR PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS ROLES BEFORE JOINING THE ELIDZ?**

**A:** My professional journey before joining ELIDZ has been diverse and enriching. I have held several key positions in business development and investment management across various organisations, including the South African Micro-Finance Apex Fund and Small Enterprise Finance. Most recently, I served as the Executive for Trade and Investment Promotion at the Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA), where I also provided oversight to the Rural Financial Services division. In these roles, I worked with a variety of stakeholders to foster growth and innovation. These experiences have sharpened my skills in strategic program management, stakeholder engagement, fund and investment portfolio management, and project management, which I believe are crucial for my current role at ELIDZ.

## **Q: WHAT ARE YOUR KEY RESPONSIBILITIES AS THE SENIOR MANAGER: BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & INVESTOR SUPPORT AT ELIDZ?**

**A:** As the Senior Manager, my primary responsibilities encompass leading and managing the Business Development and Investment Promotion activities, including investment generation, facilitation, aftercare, and investor support services. This involves identifying and packaging new business opportunities to expand the ELIDZ revenue base, focusing on investment promotion, boosting sales of external service delivery, and facility hiring through developing and implementing strategies that align with the overall objectives of ELIDZ.

## **Q: WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & INVESTOR SUPPORT DEPARTMENT AT ELIDZ?**

**A:** The vision I hold for the for the Business Development & Investor Support sub-unit is to cultivate a transformative, agile and customer-centric culture that strengthens investment attraction, facilitation and retention while building a robust investment pipeline. Leveraging our core capabilities and strategic partnerships to create a proactive and responsive coalition that addresses the evolving needs of our investors and tenants. By diversifying our operational investor profile, I believe we can create a competitive edge for ELIDZ in the domestic and global market. In addition, identify and package new business opportunities which expand the ELIDZ revenue base with focus on investment promotion, on boosting sales of external service delivery and hiring of facilities.

## **Q: HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ATTRACT NEW INVESTMENTS TO THE ELIDZ?**

**A:** Attracting new investments to the ELIDZ, we will adopt a multifaceted approach, starting with a comprehensive review of our investment promotion strategy to streamline our efforts. The focus on showcasing the unique value proposition of ELIDZ, including our strategic location, state-of-the-art facilities, and supportive business ecosystem. We will streamline processes to make it easy for investors to establish their projects, emphasising the ease and cost-effectiveness of doing business here, which directly impacts their bottom line and long-term sustainability. In addition, in collaboration with our Marketing sub-unit we will engage in targeted marketing campaigns and participate in domestic and international trade fairs to enhance our visibility and attract a diverse range of investors.

## **Q: WHAT STRATEGIES WILL YOU IMPLEMENT TO SUPPORT AND RETAIN THE EXISTING INVESTORS AND TENANTS?**

**A:** To attract new investments to the ELIDZ, we will adopt a multifaceted approach, starting with a comprehensive review of our investment promotion strategy to streamline our efforts and resources. Our focus will be on showcasing our unique value proposition, such as our strategic location, state-of-the-art facilities, and supportive business environment, while simplifying and expediting processes for investors. Equally important is supporting and retaining our existing investors and tenants through tailored support programmes, regular feedback mechanisms, and continuous improvement initiatives. By combining systematic aftercare with advocacy and leveraging policy frameworks like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) and other trade instruments, we will continue to facilitate market penetration and expansion opportunities.

## **Q: WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES FACING BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTOR SUPPORT IN THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CLIMATE?**

**A:** The foremost challenges is the heightened global economic uncertainty, which impacts investor confidence and decision-making processes. This uncertainty is exacerbated by fluctuating trade policies, geopolitical tensions, and supply chain disruptions. There is increased competition among countries to attract and retain investors, requiring special economic zones like ours to continuously innovate and present a compelling value



proposition with support instruments such as incentives. Moreover, the regulatory complexities and compliance requirements can pose barriers to entry for potential investors. Sustainability concerns and the push towards greener practices demand that zones adopt environmentally responsible development strategies, which involve substantial upfront costs. To address these challenges requires a strategic, adaptable approach that leverages technology, fosters strong partnerships, and prioritises a resilient, diversified investment portfolio.

***“I am excited about the journey ahead and am committed to making a significant impact in my role”***

said the ELIDZ newly appointed Senior Manager: Business Development & Investor Support, Ricardo de Beer.

**Q: WHAT ARE YOUR EXPECTATIONS FROM THE ELIDZ INVESTORS AND TENANTS IN WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS MUTUAL GROWTH AND SUCCESS?**

**A:** My expectations from the ELIDZ investors and tenants are centred around collaboration and open communication. I believe that by working together, sharing insights, and supporting each other's growth, we can achieve mutual success and make ELIDZ a leading industrial development zone.



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(CAS) Laboratory*



*The East London Industrial Development Zone (ELIDZ) Consulting and Analytical Services (CAS) Laboratory, an **accredited laboratory by the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS)**, is situated at the ELIDZ Science and Technology Park (STP). The ELIDZ CAS Laboratory, boasting state-of-the-art equipment, enhances the analytical testing capabilities for the water, food, and soil industries in the Eastern Cape Province.*



The laboratory adheres to government and industry regulations, which establish guidelines for acceptable pathogenic and non-pathogenic micro-organisms in specific samples and food groups. It also ensures compliance by following green drop specifications and adhering to SANAS 241, which serves as a benchmark for environmental testing.

The ELIDZ CAS Laboratory is staffed with skilled chemists, biochemists, and microbiologists, offering a wide spectrum of chemical and microbiological analysis services.

**In our laboratory, we analyse various types of samples, including:** .....

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  - **Groundwater / Borehole Water Analysis:** We examine water from boreholes, wells, and spring sources.
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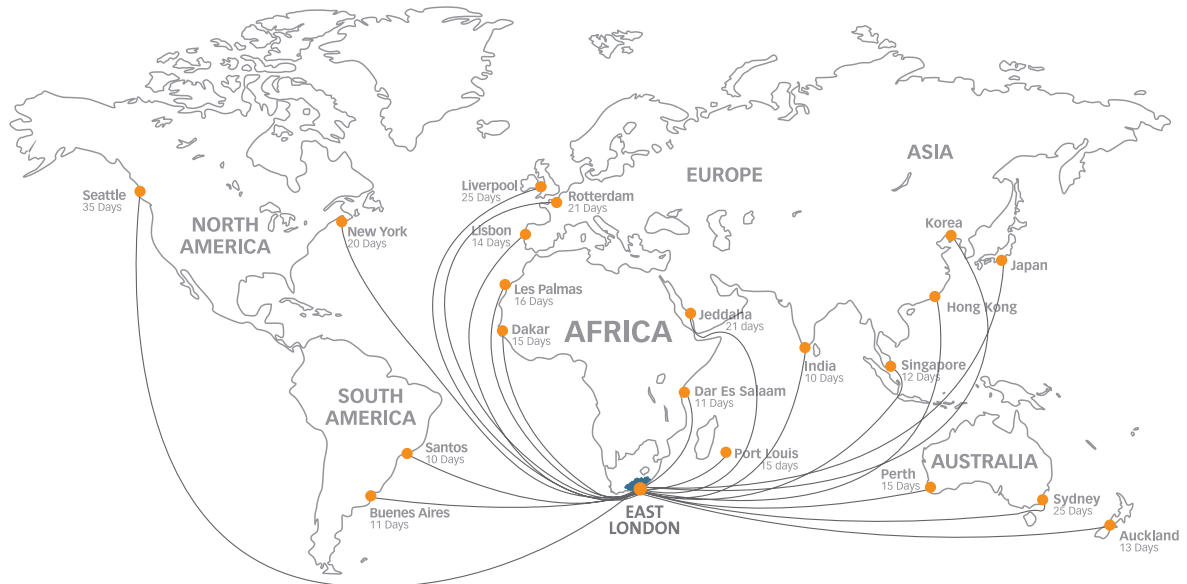
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