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REASONS TO INVEST IN THE ELIDZ



01. Strategic location for Export-orientated industry

Situated in Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM), which includes East London, Bisho, and King William's Town, the ELIDZ is one of South Africa's pioneering industrial development zones (IDZs). It offers a prime location for export-oriented manufacturing and processing, benefiting from its close proximity to key transportation routes.

02. Global market connectivity

The ELIDZ is strategically positioned near essential transportation hubs, including the Port of East London (9 km), the city's airport (2 km), and the N2 highway, facilitating efficient transportation and logistics.

With access to international shipping routes and proximity to major global markets, the ELIDZ ensures timely delivery of products to global customers, thereby enhancing competitiveness.

03. World-class infrastructure

Spanning over 400 hectares, the ELIDZ features six fully serviced sub-zones tailored to specific manufacturing requirements. Its commitment to sustainability and environmental conservation has earned it recognition as a leading Industrial Eco-Park by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO).

04. Strong government support and incentives:

The South African government provides strong support for the ELIDZ through various initiatives, policies, and funding programmes. Investors can take advantage of a favorable regulatory environment that encourages and facilitates business growth.

Investors in the ELIDZ have access to various grants and incentives, including income tax allowances, VAT exemptions, and customs duty rebates. These incentives can significantly reduce the overall tax burden, improving profitability for investors.

05. Access to a skilled workforce

The Eastern Cape region boasts a rich pool of skilled labour. Companies can tap into this talent pool, drive innovation and maintain high production standards.

06. ICT and digital infrastructure

The ELIDZ is developing robust ICT infrastructure, including high-speed internet, data centre, and support for emerging technologies. This development makes the Zone an attractive destination for tech companies and digital enterprises, fostering innovation and growth.

07. Comprehensive support services

The ELIDZ committed to offering soft landing support to investors through the provision of business streamlining and support services that facilitate investment completion and a smooth start-up of local operations.

08. Innovation and research ecosystem

Through the ELIDZ Science and Technology Park (STP), the zone offers engineered solutions to streamline business operations and enhance competitiveness. It supports industrial research and development, technology incubation, knowledge transfer, and the growth of emerging technology industries.

09. SMME development programmes

The ELIDZ actively promotes the development of Small, Medium, and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) through various programmes. Investors can partner with SMMEs to enhance their supply chains and benefit from local expertise and innovation.

10. Proximity to academic institutions:

The Zone is close to leading academic institutions, including universities and technical colleges. This proximity facilitates collaboration, access to research, and a steady supply of skilled graduates.

