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10 REASONS TO INVEST IN EKURHULENI



AEROTROPOLIS CITY

Ekurhuleni Aerotropolis is an urban development concept in which the region's layout, infrastructure and economy has an airport at its core. In principle, it resembles a traditional metropolis with its central city area and commuter links to a variety of suburban developments. The key difference of the Ekurhuleni Aerotropolis compared with a metropolis, is its dynamic links to global markets.

The Ekurhuleni Aerotropolis creates unique investment opportunities for:

- Property developers.
- Industrial and agricultural investors.
- Just-in-time logistics companies, warehousing and cool chain storage.
- Research and development.
- Bio-Life products, pharmaceuticals, health care services and training.



MANUFACTURING HUB

Ekurhuleni is an important industrial and logistical centre within the Gauteng City Region. As such, the industrial and commercial base of the municipal area plays a decisive role within the provincial space-economy. The CoE boasts well-developed commercial and industrial value chains, which offers a myriad of attractive development opportunities to domestic and foreign investors. These investment opportunities are further unlocked by world-class freight logistics and transport infrastructure.

Most of manufacturing and industrial activities in Ekurhuleni happens around the OR Tambo International Airport. The area known as the 'industrial triangle' is enclosed by the R21, R24 and N12 highways. The area houses various industrial complexes such as JetPark, Isando and Spartan. The area is characterised by a range of light and heavy manufacturing activities. The manufacturing sector is a major contributor to the local economy and employment.



CONTRIBUTION TO THE GDP

The City of Ekurhuleni is strategically positioned in the Centre of Gauteng, South Africa's industrial heart. Ekurhuleni as a key player contributes close to a quarter (23.3%) and close to a tenth (8.1%) to provincial and national Gross Value Added (GVA) output. In terms of employment, the City contributes 25% to the provincial and 8.3% to the national total employment. The City is characterised by key economic activities such as manufacturing, farming, transport and logistics, which play a critical role in the overall GDP of the Country.

Businesses operating within the City of Ekurhuleni enjoy a competitive advantage of being able to establish mutually-beneficiary relationships with multi-national corporations around the City. They are able to form relationships with competitors, suppliers and distributors as they are able to cut costs by outsourcing functions which are not their key capabilities or area of specialisation and sometimes be able to benefit from each other's processes such as distribution or packaging.



GOOD INFRASTRUCTURE

Ekurhuleni is home to state of art infrastructure designed to accommodate all businesses, big and small operating in any market or industry. It boasts the O R Tambo International Airport, Africa's biggest and busiest airport with a significant logistics corridor along the R21 highway thus making it a true gateway into Africa. It registers about 17 million passengers annually and is also a critical transit point for goods, with more than 300 thousand tons of freight going through the airport each year.

The City boasts an extensive transport network across rail, road and air, with the Gilloy's interchange being the biggest in Southern Africa. It boasts some of the country's finest modern highways – with the N12, N17 and N3 linking Ekurhuleni to cities like Johannesburg, Provinces like Mpumalanga and neighbouring countries like Mozambique.



COMPETITIVE ENERGY RATES

The World Bank's 2018 report on Doing Business in South Africa reported that the average monthly consumption cost for energy in South Africa is 13 US cents per kilowatt-hour and is slightly cheaper than the average for BRIC economies (13.8 cents). The cost for energy consumption in City of Ekurhuleni (11.8 US cents per kilo watt) is not only below the national average but is also cheaper than other metros in the Gauteng Province with City of Tshwane at 14.1 and City of Johannesburg at 15.7 US cents per kilo watt.



RELIABLE TRANSPORT

The City also has South Africa's largest railway hub in Germiston, where all railway lines connect to guarantee speed and agility in moving high value goods across the Southern African region. Investors have the luxury of opting for the high speed Gautrain shuttles services for quick trips between OR Tambo International airport, Johannesburg and Tshwane.

The City of Ekurhuleni's Integrated Rapid Public Transport Network (IRPTN) aims to provide high-quality and affordable public transport. The main objective of the IRPTN is to provide a new and attractive integrated public transport network that includes road and rail public transport services to better serve the people of Ekurhuleni. Based on forming a network linking nodes of social, economic and industrial development, the IRPTN is a catalyst for sustainable development and does more than just address immediate demand. In Ekurhuleni, the system will begin to integrate some parts of the currently disconnected nine towns. It cuts across all nine of the City's flagship projects and ties into the development plans of private stakeholders.



QUALITY WATER SERVICES

The City of Ekurhuleni supplies its 99% of its population with top quality potable water which is Blue Drop certified. To maintain optimum water quality and compliance to national legislation and international standards, regular tests are conducted at various points on the water supply network including water tanks, reservoirs, towers and distribution points.

The City recognises the critical role water plays in socio-economic development activities and is committed towards rendering uninterrupted water supply services to customers. It has systems in place to provide alternative water supply during time planned and unplanned water interruption to ensure that consumers are not affected negatively.



GOOD CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The City of Ekurhuleni has a good track record of getting a clean audit from the Auditor General South Africa (AGSA). In the latest audit the City got an unqualified audit opinion for 2017/18 Financial Year Audit. This is testament that Ekurhuleni's leadership and management are committed towards good governance and accountability.



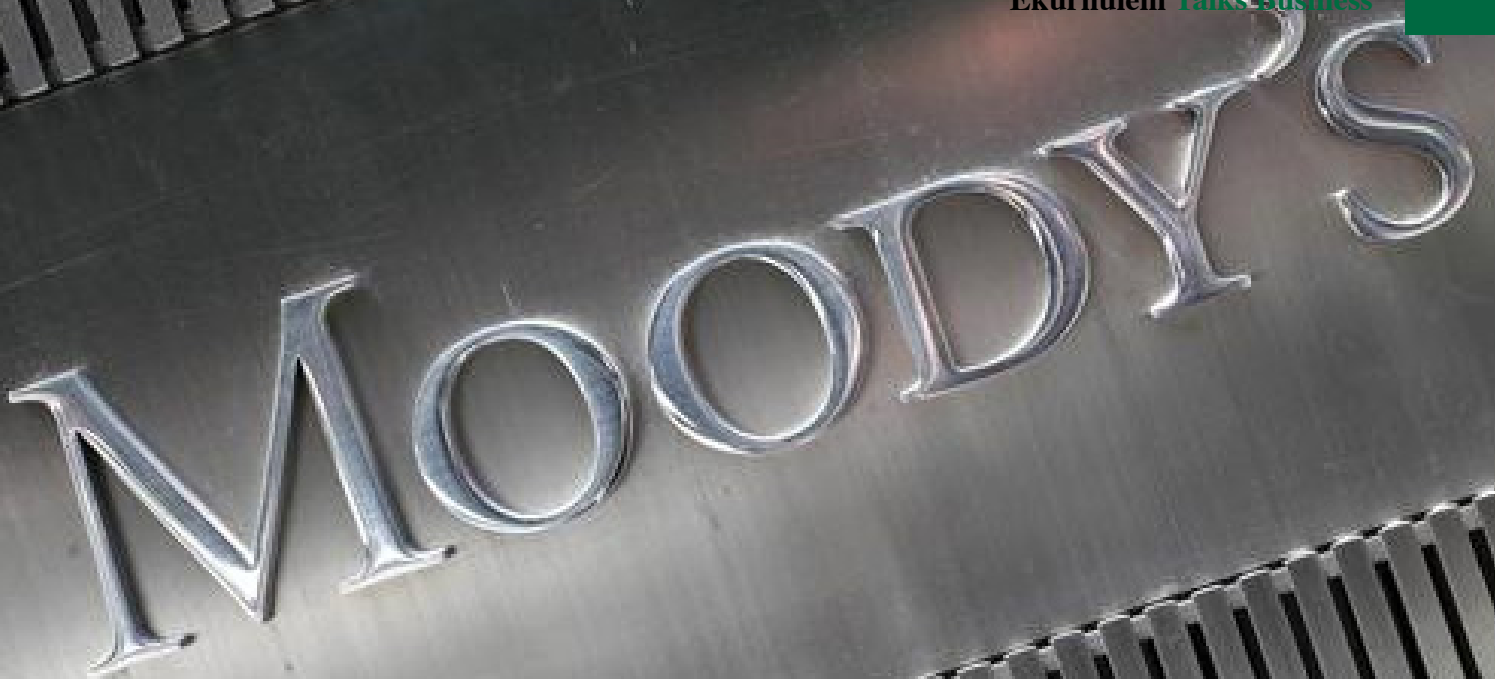
GOOD MOODY'S RATINGS

The latest Moody's Credit Rating Agency found that the credit profile of the City of Ekurhuleni (Baa3/Aaa.za stable) reflects its stable financial performance, supported by a large and diverse economic base, and significant, predictable revenue from service charges and property taxes. The ratings agency also found that, the City's consistently strong liquidity remains above the average of its rated peers in South Africa (Baa3 stable) and will mitigate its exposure to increasing capital requirements.



QUALITY OF LIFE

The City of Ekurhuleni is not only a good place to invest in, but also provides a good quality of life for its residents. The City has performed well on the citizens' satisfaction rating based on the indicators explored in the 2018 Quality of Life Survey conducted by the Gauteng City Region Observatory (GCRO). The Quality of Life Survey showed that 86% of people have access to basic services, and this is slightly higher than the provincial average. In actual fact the City is doing very well in this area as according to the GCRO report the city was ahead of national targets in the provision of clean water (94.5% vs 84.9%), refuse removal (88.2% vs 62%) and sanitation (85.9% vs 59%).



MOODY'S CREDIT OPINION SATISFYING TO EXECUTIVE MAYOR

On the 7th of February 2019, Moody's Credit Rating Agency released their credit opinion on the credit profile of the City of Ekurhuleni. Moody's found that the credit profile of the City of Ekurhuleni, Baa3/Aaa.za stable, reflected stable financial performance, supported by a large and diverse economic base and significant, predictable revenue from service charges and property taxes.

The ratings agency also established that the City's consistently strong liquidity remained above the average of its rated peers in South Africa (Baa3 stable) and mitigated its exposure to increasing capital requirements.

Executive Mayor Masina commented on being highly pleased by Moody's Credit Opinion, which erected the City to have a secure financial base. This announcement having followed the recent positive audit outcome by the Auditor-General, placed the City of Ekurhuleni as the prime investment destination in Gauteng and a safe environment for investors, he added. He furthermore stated that they will continue to focus on raising much needed Foreign Direct Investment to import the vision of transforming Ekurhuleni into Africa's first ever "Aerotropolis City".

With regards to the City of Ekurhuleni's Ratings Outlook, Moody's said that the Outlook reflected their expectation for the City of Ekurhuleni to sustain its comparatively strong financial performance and liquidity despite increased capital spending and debt over the coming three years. Moody's also mentioned its track record of prudent budgetary management supported the Outlook.

Moody's thereafter cited the City's high capital spending pressure for service delivery as a challenge. Having commented on the challenges raised in the credit opinion, Executive Mayor Masina stated, "This is a reflection of our Pro-Poor stance as Government and the results of the Gauteng City Region Quality of Life Survey 2017/2018, which placed the City of Ekurhuleni as the best Metro in terms of Services, ahead of Tshwane and Johannesburg."

Executive Mayor Masina said, the City has prioritised Service Delivery as an urgent daily activity and beyond building a growing economy. "Providing quality healthcare, inclusive human settlement and educating our youth will continue to put pressure on our capital spending, but we are fully aware that this will bear fruit in the near future, as we begin to realise the potential of our demographic dividend," he confidently said.

WARNING ON 260ℓ WHEELIE BIN TENDER SCAM

The City of Ekurhuleni (CoE) still distances itself from the bogus 260ℓ wheelie bin tender scam circulating, scamming people of their hard-earned monies. The City does not use or manage any operations which involve a bin of that size.

Perpetrators of this criminal act allegedly send possible service providers an appointment letter bearing the City's logo together with the fraudulently generated order number purported to come from the City.

Service providers are then requested to deposit a certain amount of money into a given account number and are told to deliver the 260ℓ wheelie bins to 47 Van Buuren Road in Bedfordview.

Despite the City warning service providers of the scam, the perpetrators succeed in cheating money out of unsuspecting and vulnerable people. Due to the high volume of victims recently scammed, the City emphasises that service providers must be vigilant.

The City is fully committed to transparency on any information related to business and procurement. Such information is free and available to the public on the City's website. Entrepreneurship is highly encouraged and supported by the City and any organisation or individual that seeks to exploit aspirant entrepreneurs will be exposed.

The fraudulent emails have some elements of similarities to the CoE email, for example: name.surname@ekurhuleni-gov.org.

Note the difference:

SCAM: ... @Ekurhuleni-gov.org

Correct email: ... @ekurhuleni.gov.za

To confirm if quotations or tenders are authentic contact details are available on the City's website on www.ekurhuleni.gov.za, or bidders can contact Hannes.vSchalkwyk@ekurhuleni.gov.za or Siphokazi.Xokozela@ekurhuleni.gov.za.

FINANCIAL YEAR AUDIT WELCOMED BY EXECUTIVE MAYOR

The Executive Mayor Councillor Mzwandile Masina welcomed the Auditor-General's 2017/18 Financial Year Audit, which gave the City an unqualified audit opinion. The City of Ekurhuleni's Audit Committee tabled the Auditor General's Report during the first council meeting on 31 January 2019. The Committee reviewed and discussed the Annual Financial Statements of the Municipality and its entities.

The Auditor-General found improvements in the overall outcome of performance reporting. The City received a clean audit on performance information and no audit findings were reported. In addition to that, the following improvements were noted:

1. The City did not incur fruitless, wasteful, and unauthorised expenditure in the 2017-18 financial year.
2. No audit findings on the incorrect application of Supply Chain Management Regulation 36. All deviations approved were in line with SCM regulation 36.
3. A decrease of R198 million (42%) in irregular expenditure from R472.6 to R274.5 million.
4. The overall financial viability was assessed as good and there were no long-term borrowings for financing day-to-day operations of the City.

Executive Mayor Masina stated that the City has continued to display a commitment to good governance and accountability following the Auditor-General's financial year audit from the previous year. He added that the ability to decrease irregular expenditure by 42% enabled the City to further service impoverished communities and amplify service delivery in line with the Pro-Poor Government stance.

Executive Mayor Masina said that the City will continue to cut irregular expenditure and maintain a zero tolerance approach to fruitless, wasteful and unauthorised expenditure as per the improvements noted. The Mayor said good governance allowed the City to attract much needed investment, which would allow growth of economic activity in the City of Ekurhuleni.



The Audit Committee was delighted with the great improvement of the City's performance and acknowledged the achievement of a Clean Audit opinion for the 2017/18 Financial Year on the performance information. Concerns over the lack of improvement in the quality of the annual financial statements submitted and poor document management processes in finance were highlighted clearly on the report. "We committed to implementing the Auditor General's recommendations expeditiously.

The City remains committed to transparency, accountability and clean governance. The citizens of Ekurhuleni remain at the centre of our efforts as an administration. Our fiscal management must be dedicated to producing the maximum output of quality service delivery to our people," said Executive Mayor Masina.

HOME SEEKERS FALL PREY TO TITLE DEEDS SCAM

Residents are warned to not fall prey to the Title Deeds scam that has become prevalent in the region. The City's internal investigators are currently investigating eight cases that have been reported since November of 2018. These cases have also been referred to the South African Police Service (SAPS).

Title deeds for government-provided and low cost house are free. Desperate people who are in need of land and/or Title Deeds are targeted by the scammers.

Individuals are made to pay for sales for land and title deeds that are fake. An unsuspecting victim paid R 80 000 for land belonging to the City. Residents legitimately awaiting for their Title Deeds are forced to pay R 1 600 to have them issued. These Title Deeds are counterfeits.

The scammers and their accomplices can be reported to the police or the City through its Anti-Fraud Hotline on 0800101 2201. For those who are still waiting for their Title Deeds it is advised that they keep enquiring at their nearest Customer Care Centre (CCC).



BOKSBURG LAKE GETS A FACE-LIFT



The 500-seater multipurpose amphitheater at the newly revamped Boksburg Lake Park.

The restoration of the iconic Boksburg Lake Park has finally reached the final stages of its three-stage renovation which started in 2016.

The R15 million-renovations are scheduled to be completed by May 2019, and will be a major boost to the revamping of Boksburg's Central Business District.

The main aim of the upgrade is to create a vibrant community recreational space that will spearhead real urban renewal in an area that faced degradation.

The first two phases of revival comprised of major earthworks to close a pedestrian walkway that had developed, and to enlarge the park's utility surface. It also included upgrading of the security infrastructure with perimeter fencing and controlled access points.

The facelifted park now boasts of a network of brick-paved walkways to control pedestrian traffic as well as a 500-seater multipurpose amphitheatre.

The final phase entailed completion of recreational nodes within the park, and includes a climbing wall, play park, gym trim, kick-about soccer and basketball fields along with a dedicated braai area and the final greening of the enlarged 9-hectare zone.

Before the facelift, it had dilapidated, due to vandalising, gradual popularity in becoming a social car park and general misuse of the space, including frequent shelter for (predominantly) homeless people.

The aesthetic elements of the upgrades included use of red clay bricks and sandstone in walkway paving and walls, which remain a distinctive feature of Boksburg's beautiful heritage buildings. These paving materials also have a robust ability to withstand high usage.

The final touches have incorporated the reed beds that will be introduced to filter and clean the lake's water as part of a large-scale water purification exercise to restore its aquatic health. The installation of solar lights throughout the lake will ensure improved visibility at a

low-cost. Water-friendly and indigenous Highveld planting such as Acacia and Wild Olive trees have been planted throughout the Lake too.

The park is to soon be enjoyed for more reasons than previously known and hopefully encourage other historic arenas to uphold the richness of their creation.



An artwork at the play park is one of the new additions to the Boksburg Lake Park.

SOCA 2019



The Executive Mayor of City of Ekurhuleni Cllr. Mzwandile Masina delivered his third State of the City Address (SOCA) on the 27 March 2018 in Germiston. In his opening, Executive Mayor Masina reflected on the timing and relevancy of 2019 State of the City Address which not only coincided with the 25th anniversary of the birth of democracy and the fifth general elections but also doubled as the mid-term report since the current administration came into office.

While delivering the speech, the Executive Mayor espoused the 2019 motto Building a local economy that grows in the hands of the people, which is expected to underpin service delivery programmes in the City. "This is in recognition of the fact that sustainable economic development can only be achieved when the economy is in the hands of the people – for an economy that thrusts the people at the edge of the periphery is an economy that is incapable of bringing about genuine transformation" said the Mayor Masina.

IN BRIEF: 2019 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE



Ekurhuleni has received a clean audit from the Auditor General South Africa (AGSA) for two consecutive years and this bears testimony to City's commitment to providing a more effective, accountable, responsive and clean local government. The City has established systems to reclaiming a Clean Audit and to ensure that previous Auditor General findings are cleared. This is done through quarterly management meetings championed by Internal Audit. "As a result of these interventions, we have received 2 unqualified audit outcome with no unauthorised, irregular and fruitless expenditure, and a clean audit on performance information. This means that, having assessed the state of our finances, the Auditor General's judgment is that the City's financial statements are fairly and appropriately presented, without any exceptions, and in compliance with accounting standards" said Executive Mayor Masina.



FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Executive Mayor Masina highlighted the following achievements relating to financial position of the City:

- The City has demonstrated sound revenue collection and financial management systems and has registered profound progress in the period under review. "Our capital budget increased by an average of 10.5% per annum from R2.3 billion to R6.5 billion".
- For the last financial year, the City funded its own CAPEX and this is testament to the financial health and credibility of the City.
- The City maintained its Moody's rating at Baa3/Aaa.za, which is not only a vote of confidence in the finances and governance of the City, but it also makes it easier for the City to raise funds for CAPEX projects.
- Ekurhuleni came out tops during the 2018 National Treasury's assessments on municipal financial stability, alignment of IDP with National and Provincial imperative and good governance.

ROADS AND TRANSPORT

- 102.2 kilometers of roads were constructed and a total of 27 108 storm water systems were maintained.
- 9 146 kilometers of road was maintained in this term of office so far.
- 16.71 km walkways were constructed in Vosloorus, Daveyton, Springs, Tembisa and Duduza in the last 24 months.
- The already implemented BRT system will form the basis of a 20 year Integrated Public Transport Network (IPTN) plan which is being development.
- Our BRT system (Harambee) has been extended from Tembisa to OR Tambo International Airport and will be extended to East Rand Mall. We have also started the process of seeking to construct eight bus stations.



HUMAN SETTLEMENT

- The City acquired 12 382 service stands.
- A total of 26 000 low cost houses were completed in the past 24 months by the City of Ekurhuleni and the province provided an additional for 7 058 housing opportunities within the City in the current financial year.
- 200 units to be completed by end of the year.
- The City is in the process of constructing 3 Mega Projects, namely John Dube, Daggafontein and Leeuwpoot with a combined total yield of 50 571 units.
- The City is also building more units in various areas, namely Clayville, Chief Albert Luthuli Ext 6 and Tsakane Ext 22.
- The combined delivered RDP units is 4 754 while 5 647 serviced stands have been provided. The combined total yield of these is 27 154.
- 6 new private developments with a total yield of 54 721 are in the design and planning stage and they include Riverfields, Mapleton Extension, Watervaldspruit, Nigel Prasa Rolling Stock City, Carnival Junction and the Windmill Park Node.
- The City has unlocked 123 842 hectares of dolomitic land for major developments such as proposed township establishment.



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This is a summary of the 2019 SOCA, but to read the full address, please visit our website - www.ekurhuleni.gov.za or send an email to business@ekurhuleni.gov.za.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our Aerotropolis Masterplan recognize the immense potential of the City as home to the OR Tambo International Airport. Air Cargo is central to the development of the Ekurhuleni Aerotropolis as a direct contributor to job creation. In the medium to long term, plans for a midfield cargo terminal are afoot and are aligned with the Airport Master Plan as oriented around the Aerotropolis Master Plan. "Apart from this, there are new developments in the pipeline, starting with the development of the Western Airport Precinct, which is a mixed-use development inclusive of office, retail, hotel and other profit generating uses," said Executive Mayor.

The Executive Mayor revealed forthcoming programmes that are aimed at attracting investment into infrastructure and economic growth anchored on job creation initiatives. "We are now thinking of how best the City can support investment in a way that takes advantage of various potential resources that we have and refashions the use of abandoned resources," said the Executive Mayor.

R300 billion Investment Pipeline for Ekurhuleni

Our engagements with commercial industries over time have given us projected R300 billion Investment Pipeline for Ekurhuleni. We have resolved to consolidate our approach towards this investor sector of the economy by consolidating offerings from all spheres of government into a comprehensive investment strategy.

Incentives for Investors

In 2018 Ekurhuleni Executive Mayor Cllr. Mzwandile Masina announced the City's plan to explore an incentive strategy that would attract investment. "Among the instruments to unlock this investment pipeline, we are looking at the potential of using rebates in rates and taxes as part of our incentive strategy to boost employment opportunities. In this regard, our investment approach is centered on an integrative platform wherein the following action plan is prioritised:

- Partner with local and international chambers of commerce and industry



associations to entice, facilitate and retain inward investment by creating a dedicated fund through the Ekurhuleni Development Agency.

- Development of the Ekurhuleni Investment Book by combining both public and private sector driven projects.
- Operationalise a consolidated Investment Incentive Policy Framework as enabled by the Spatial Planning and Land Management Act (SPLUMA) By Law.
- Adopt a funding model towards SUDs and mega developments through a dedicated funding regime for bulk engineering services.
- Consolidate partnerships with private sector operators to register PPPs for strategic infrastructure development with the National Treasury and GTAC.
- Centralise the engagement with investors and developers through the Investment clearing Committee of the Mayoral Committee.
- Host the Ekurhuleni Infrastructure Finance Summit in 2019 & Ekurhuleni Investment Conference in 2020.
- Reconfigure Investment facilitating processes to eliminate administrative blockages that are a stumbling block to investments by introducing a Key Performance Indicator on all MMCs, CM, COO & HOD to enable investments by eliminating barriers that their administrative processes impose.

Release of land parcels

The Executive Mayor demonstrated the City's level of commitment on being an investor-friendly City that remains open to new large-scale investments through making it easy to conduct business within the municipal

boundaries. "We have already started to see the fruits of our efforts and another very key intervention that is underway is the release of the following land parcels:

- 52 x Agricultural Farms by June 2019;
- 115 x Township Business Sites by year end;
- 32 x Industrial Sites by year end;
- 40 x Strategic Land Parcels by year end.

Economic Development in numbers

- R150 billion of actual expenditure is ring-fenced for economic initiatives and an additional R570 million for the Aerotropolis Masterplan Implementation. The overall yield from those investments assisted 10 000 previously unemployed youth through empowerment and the creation of 14 043 work opportunities.
- 379 SMMEs have been incubated in various fields.
- 102 learner contractors and 102 learner supervisors are benefiting from the business support programmes and the EPWP Vukuphile Programme worth R500 million per annum over three years.
- Ekurhuleni has received R44 million from the national fiscus for job creation and the proposed new EPWP policy which ensures that capital projects generate jobs for local labour.
- The Grant-In-Aid programme has produced 1521 beneficiaries at a total allocation value of R100 million.
- Community bursary fund increased to R100 million, which is 10-fold increase from the previous years when the bursary fund was at R10 million. The net effect of this investment has been an increase in the number of beneficiaries from 297 to 1850 with an intention to increase it 3-fold in 5 years.
- 1 500 unemployed youth have been placed on internships over and above the 3 513 who are already in the system and an additional 315 placed on learnerships over and above the 275 already in the system.
- A 20 000-capacity multipurpose seater earmarked for development in Kempton Park within the next 3 years as well as an Olympic size swimming pool in Tembisa.

WATER

- During the year under review 20 mega litres storage capacity was created and construction for additional 45 mega litres will be completed soon.
- The City of Ekurhuleni has embarked on building 29 Reservoirs from 2018/2019 to 2021 with a storage capacity of 550 mega litres, which is equivalent to 550 million litres of water.

- 3 water storage reservoirs of combined capacity of 55 mega litres were constructed, namely the Nigel Tower, Palm Ridge Reservoir and Kempton Park Reservoir.
- Construction of 9 reservoirs with a combined storage capacity of 140 mega litres will commence before June 2019.
- 11 323 new connections for water and

sewer to formal dwellings has been achieved.

- 23 483 new water meters were installed and as a result water loss in the past 12 months has improved to 30.85 % which is lower than the previous financial year loss of 34.3%.
- 12 537 water service points were installed in informal settlements to-date.

BUSINESS DONATES SCHOOL UNIFORM

Learners at O.R.Tambo Primary School in Phomolong, Tembisa, recently received gift packs comprising of school uniforms, from Member of Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Environment and Waste Management Services, Councillor (Cllr) Ndosi Shongwe who worked in partnership with the City's service provider for waste collection in the area.

The school uniform, in model of a tunic, jerseys, trousers, shirts and school shoes, were given to learners from Grades 1 to 3, as part of the City's campaign to aid learners to commence school curriculum without being burdened about basic necessities.

Addressing the learners, Cllr Shongwe stated that the campaign remains close to her heart by virtue of the positive, genuine impact it has on the life of the children benefiting from the helping hand.

"Most of the children in this school reside in child-headed homes and the luxury of owning a new set of school shoes is a distant memory for them. Therefore, we are here to close the gap, working with our service providers," the MMC said.



MMC Ndosi Shongwe standing at the back with deputy principal Nompumelelo Mkhonza (left) and school principal Mr Matsehe Mohlabane (right) together with O.R Tambo Primary School learners and the mascot named "Bhut' Green" .

THEMBSIE MATU HONOURED WITH 2019 EXCELLENCE AWARD



Ekurhuleni Executive Mayor Cllr Mzwandile Masina celebrates with Nomathemba "Thembsie" Matu at the City Council chamber

Nomathemba "Thembsie" Matu was honoured by the City with a 2019 Excellence Award during the first council meeting of the year on 31 January.

The South African actress was born in Katlehong and is best known for her role as Patronella from The Queen on Mzansi Magic.

Nomathemba has been in the art industry for over 30 years, starting her career under the tutelage of Gibson Kente. She has acted in multiple TV shows such as, Muvhango, Skeem Saam, The Lab, Thandeka's Diary, Rockville, MTV Shuga, Abo Mzala, Intsika, Tshisa and Zone 14 and appeared in multiple TV commercials, and is currently the ambassador for Cell C.

"As the City, we must celebrate and recognise our own talent, especially when our artists achieve at the highest level"

She was nominated for the SAFTA's Best Supporting Actress award in 2018 and has the following awards under her belt – The Curious AMA Award for Most Underrated Actress in 2014, scooped the Diva of the Year at last year's Feather Awards, the Viewer's Choice Award for Best Actress and the Ultimate Viewer's Choice Award in 2018.

Speaker of Council Cllr Patricia Kumalo said, "As the City, we must celebrate and recognise our own talent, especially when our artists achieve at the highest level as Nomathemba did. She has displayed a passion for her craft and has crept into the hearts of many South Africans."

CITY CONDEMS ATTACK ON EMERGENCY OFFICIAL

A strong disapproval of the inhuman attacks on emergency service's personnel while on duty was expressed by City Manager Dr. Imogen Mashazi. Dr. Mashazi visited 35 year Rovhiwa Mohlola, a firefighter employed by the City who was attacked while on duty. She had this to say "We urge the members of the public to protect the emergency service workers when they are out there to save lives. An attack on the officers defeats the purpose of saving lives, which is what they are here for".

The City Manager noted that such episodes were becoming a common occurrence. This forced the City to put plans underway to set about on a publicity campaign in order to expose the dangers constantly faced by emergency services personnel when attending emergencies and fires in the region that are life threatening.

On the day that Mohlola was attending an injured patient in an Informal Settlement in Germiston called Dukathole, she sustained gunshot wounds. Dr. Mashazi said that the attacks were senseless and unwarranted given the fact that the employees are placing their lives on the line in order to save others. She expressed the City's gratitude to the men and women for their sacrifice and commitment to the public service.

The City will ensure that Rovhiwa and the rest of the team that were on duty with her on the day the incident took place receive counselling and other related support.



Ekurhuleni City Manager Dr Imogen Mashazi handing over a gift hamper to Rovhiwa Mohlola in hospital, following a shooting incident in Germiston.

EKURHULENI FIGHTS ELECTRICITY THEFT



An illegal distribution box confiscated from Ehlanzeni Section on Tuesday, 19 March 2019.

The City of Ekurhuleni recently embarked on an illegal connection raid aimed at curbing spiralling theft of electricity which costs the City over R800 million per year due to the outlawed connections. The disconnection operation process took place from 4:00 am in Ehlanzeni Section and proceeded to Vusumuzi informal settlement where the City had detected unaccounted-for energy on the City's electricity grid.

The people of Vusumuzi informal settlement and Ehlanzeni section in Tembisa have been paying a syndicate R400 monthly for the illegal supply of electricity. The

syndicate supplied 48 shacks by means of a bulk connection that had a makeshift distribution board.

Member of the Mayoral Committee for Water, Sanitation and Energy Councillor Tiisetso Nketele had this to say, "We want to send a strong warning to the criminals who take advantage of the vulnerable communities by charging them fees for stolen electricity". She also reiterated that there would be continued sporadic operations to disconnect illegal connections across the City to break the back of electricity-theft syndicates.

The raids are aimed at intensifying the City's fight to combat electricity theft and related criminality. Costly electrical infrastructure components such as transformers, switchgear and cables are

destroyed due to illegal connections. Persistent power supply interruptions are the direct result of overloaded electricity supply grid that is caused by illegal connections.

The operation was led by the Illegal Connections Task Team which comprised of the officials from the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Department, Energy Department and South African Police Service members. Countless cables that were confiscated during the operation filled two three-ton trucks.

The City has a re-blocking programme and Vusumuzi informal settlement is part of that programme. Re-blocking entails making way for basic municipal services such as electricity, water and sanitation by realigning shacks. Phase 1 of the re-blocking is underway in Vusumuzi. A totality of 8 257 households will be re-blocked and later provided with all basic municipal services. Residents are strongly encouraged to report activities concerning the connection of any illegal nature or suspicion of such through the municipal call centre on 086 054 3000.



Tons of cables used for illegal electricity connections were confiscated.

CITY HONOURS EKURHULENI STARS



Executive Mayor of Ekurhuleni Cllr Mzwandile Masina flanked by Mr Nelson 'Teenage' Dladla, Mr Bernard Parker and Ms Connie Chiume

Three eminent individuals who are a source of inspiration for others were honoured by the City of Ekurhuleni for their outstanding track record in their careers. Both Connie Chuime and Ekurhuleni-born football star Bernard Parker were given the Excellence Award.

Ms Connie Chiume has acted in innumerable productions including Zone 14 and Rhythm City. She was also a cast member of the award winning Hollywood movie, Black Panther. She was honoured and awarded for her contribution to the industry of film and the arts as a whole.

Bernard Parker who has played for Kaizer Chiefs for the past nine years and Bafana Bafana was awarded the Excellence Award for his noteworthy and astounding performance in his career.

Nelson "Teenage" Dladla was greatly honoured with being the very first recipient of the Prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the

Council. Best known and remembered for his unrivalled and notable skill of soccer, his knowledge acquired over his 30 year career is being extensively used as a coach at Mamelodi Sundowns FC junior structures.

Council holds these three individuals with high esteem and has awarded them with the Excellence Awards and a Prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for their exceptional performance within their chosen fields. They were amply thanked by Speaker of Council, Cllr Alderman Patricia Kumalo for being a testimony that dreams become a reality with sufficient diligence and for the wonderful influence they have on the youth.

Sbu Leope, Senzo Kwesta Vilakazi and Nomathemba "Thembsie" Matu are all previous Excellent Award recipients.



Speaker of Council, Cllr Alderman Patricia Kumalo and Mr Nelson 'Teenage' Dladla after the Council awarded Mr Dladla for his exceptional contribution to sports.



Speaker of Council, Cllr Alderman Patricia Kumalo share a light moment with Kaizer Chiefs star Bernard Parker after he was awarded.



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TAX GUIDE 2019/20

This SARS tax guide has been developed to provide a synopsis of the most important tax, duty and levy related information for 2019/20.

INCOME TAX: COMPANIES

Financial years ending on any date between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020

Type	Rate of Tax (R)
Companies	28% of taxable income

INCOME TAX: SMALL BUSINESS CORPORATION

Financial years ending on any date between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020

Taxable Income (R)	Rate of Tax (R)
0 – 79 000	0% of taxable income
79 001 – 365 000	7% of taxable income above 79 000
365 001 – 550 000	20 020 + 21% of taxable income above 365 000
550 001 and above	58 870 + 28% of the amount above 550 000

TURNOVER TAX FOR MICRO BUSINESSES

Financial years ending on any date between 1 March 2019 and 29 February 2020

Taxable turnover (R)	Rate of tax (R)
0 – 335 000	0% of taxable turnover
335 001 – 500 000	1% of taxable turnover above 335 000
500 001 – 750 000	1 650 + 2% of taxable turnover above 500 000
750 001 and above	6 650 + 3% of taxable turnover above 750 000

VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT)

VAT is levied at the standard rate of 15% on the supply of goods and services by registered vendors.

A vendor making taxable supplies of more than R1 million per annum must register for VAT. A vendor making taxable supplies of more than R50 000, but not more than R1 million per annum, may apply for voluntary registration. Certain supplies are subject to a zero rate or are exempt from VAT.

TRANSFER DUTY

Transfer duty is payable at the following rates on transactions which are not subject to VAT –

Acquisition of property by all persons:

Value of property (R)	Rate
0 – 900 000	0%
900 001 – 1 250 000	3% of the value above R900 000
1 250 001 – 1 750 000	R10 500 + 6% of the value above R 1 250 000
1 750 001 – 2 250 000	R40 500 + 8% of the value above R 1 750 000
2 250 001 – 10 000 000	R80 500 + 11% of the value above R2 250 000
10 000 001 and above	R933 000 + 13% of the value exceeding R10 000 000

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BUDGET Highlights

Adjustment of income tax rebates in order to increase the **tax thresholds for individuals**



General fuel levy increases by 15 cents per litre and **road accident fund levy** increases by 5 cents per litre on 3 April 2019



A **carbon fuel levy** at 9 cents per litre on petrol and 10 cents per litre on diesel will be introduced with effect from 5 June 2019



Increased excise duties on tobacco and alcohol products



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