



SECTORS AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NINE PROVINCES OF SOUTH AFRICA

- 1) **EASTERN CAPE (Bisho)** – Although it has the lowest per capita income the province has great potential mainly in tourism, finance, automotive sector and manufacturing which is still underdeveloped. Port Elizabeth has an international airport and container port also in East London. There is an industrial Development Zone (Coega) at the port and the East London Industrial Zone.

Specific investment sector opportunities: agriculture and forestry, aquaculture, tea production, ostrich farming and related products, automotive assembly and components, pharmaceuticals (generic and high volume), mohair apparel.

Key web sites:

www.ecdc.co.za

www.cacadu.co.za

www.ecprov.co.za

www.coega.com

www.ectourism.co.za

www.elidz.co.za

www.eastlondontourism.co.za

www.bcda.co.za

www.buffalocity.gov.za

www.mbda.co.za

- 2) **FREE STATE (Bloemfontein)** – The province is South Africa's breadbasket. Its geographical position is ideal for crop and animal production (grains and potatoes) but also mining (gold production, coal, silver and diamonds), finance and manufacturing (farm machinery and equipment). Sasol is based here and is the national leading petrochemical company producing oil from coal.

Specific investment sector opportunities: mining, gold beneficiation, alternate eco-tourism, petrochemicals, farm equipment and machinery, agro-processing.

Key web sites:

www.fs.gov.za

www.fdc.co.za

www.dtea.fs.gov.za

- 3) **GAUTENG (Johannesburg)** – The smallest province but with the largest population. It is the financial and industrial engine of the country. Finance, manufacturing and trade and also agriculture and food processing are the main economic sectors.

Specific investment sector opportunities: mining, ICT, high technology industries, research and development, business services, financial services, auto assembly and components, food processing, beverages, chemicals and pharmaceuticals, machinery and appliances, tourism (leisure and business).

Key web sites:

www.gpg.gov.za

www.geda.co.za

www.blueiq.co.za

www.gauteng.net

www.joburg.org.za

- 4) **KWAZULU-NATAL (Pietermaritzburg)** – The country's second most populous province with the second largest economy. It is home to two of the busiest ports (Durban and Richards Bay). Manufacturing, finance, trade, tourism and agriculture are the mainstays of the economy.

Specific investment sector opportunities: aluminium production and conversion, automotive and components, petrochemicals, engineering and metal works, wood and wood products, clothing and footwear, agro-processing, textiles, paper and paper products, sugar and tourism.

Key web sites:

www.tradepointdurban.org

www.kwazulunatal.gov.za

www.tikzn.co.za

www.kzn.org.za

www.zulu.org.za

www.richardsbayidz.co.za

www.dipa.co.za

- 5) **LIMPOPO (Polokwane)** – Largely undeveloped, the province has great potential for growth. Mining is the main activity (vast coal fields, iron ore, copper phosphates and platinum group metals as well as granite). It is the gateway to Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

Specific investment sector opportunities: agriculture (sub-tropical fruits, woods, bamboo and cassava), agro-processing, mining, beneficiation, tourism (game lodges and nature reserves), cattle and game farming, leather processing.

Key web sites:

www.limpopo.gov.za

www.til.co.za

www.golimpopo.com

www.libsa.org

www.til.co.za

- 6) **MPUMALANGA (Nelspruit)** – The province has excellent infrastructure and its capital, Nelspruit, has boomed with rapidly growing trade along the Maputo corridor connecting to Mozambique. The province is the largest producer of coal, forest and agricultural products and the largest source of electrical power in the country. Opportunities exist in the agro-processing, wood products, chemical production and tourism.

Specific investment sector opportunities: mining (coal), agro-forestry, wood, wood products and furniture, food processing, horticulture, petrochemicals, tourism and sugar.

Key web sites:

www.mega.gov.za

www.mpumalanga.gov.za

www.mpumalanga.com

www.mega.gov.za

- 7) **NORTH WEST (Mafikeng)** – Minerals and mining (platinum, gold and diamonds) account for over 30% of provincial GDP. The province aims to increase its manufacturing base through greater efforts in minerals and agricultural beneficiation.

Specific investment sector opportunities: platinum, jewellery, meat processing, granite cutting and polishing, bio-diesel production, leather tanning and finishing, meat products, tourism (Sun City, game parks and mountain resorts), agriculture (maize, sunflower seeds, groundnuts and cattle).

Key web sites:

www.inw.org.za

www.nwpg.gov.za

www.tourismnorthwest.co.za

- 8) **NORTHERN CAPE (Kimberley)** – This is South Africa's largest province with the smallest population. It has vast semi-arid plains with little rainfall. The Orange river provides the base for irrigated agriculture. Kimberley, the capital, is famous for the discovery of diamonds. Manganese is also produced. Other economic activities are sheep farming, fishing, dried fruit and winemaking. It is also a major tourist attraction (Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, Diamond Route).

Specific investment sector opportunities: mining and mineral processing, agro-processing, game production, mariculture, tourism (historical and cultural, hotels and resorts, game, ecotourism).

Key web sites:

www.northern-cape.gov.za

www.northern-cape.org.za

9) **WESTERN CAPE (Cape Town)** – Province with glorious scenery, rugged coastline, stunning mountains and winelands. It has a strong manufacturing base and a well developed agricultural sector. Finance, tourism, textiles, viticulture and agriculture are the economic mainstays. Cape Town is a cosmopolitan city hosts national parliament and is a major tourist attraction. Saldanha Bay is South Africa’s largest natural harbour and the site of a major iron ore exporting operation.

Specific investment sector opportunities: manufacturing, tourism, fishing, agriculture, agro-processing, biotechnology, petrochemicals, ICT, financial services, clothing and textiles, printing and publishing, retail trade, hotels and restaurants, film production, fruit and wine, ship repair and containerisation, precision engineering and boat building.

Key web sites:

www.capegateway.gov.za

www.wesgro.org.za

www.tourismcapetown.co.za

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