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**MEGA ON THE ROAD TO DEVELOP  
INDUSTRIAL PARK IN DIPALESENG**

The Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency and the Dipaleseng Municipality signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the September 11 2009 to develop an Industrial Park in Dipaleseng.

This partnership brings together:

- ✓ The Municipality of Dipaleseng, as local government and
- ✓ MEGA the catalyst for provincial economic growth

to provide the focus and coordination needed to support the Municipality in growing its economy.

The partnership is created to unlock the economic growth potential of Dipaleseng Local Municipality to achieve:

- ✓ economic development and
- ✓ job creation

in the Dipaleseng Municipal area.

MEGA's primary responsibility is to facilitate the investment required in developing an Industrial Park on behalf of the Municipality.

The Executive Mayor: Counsellor. M P Tsotetsi in welcoming the guests said "the root of this relationship goes back to early 2002 when MEGA's predecessor, Mpumalanga Investment Initiative (MII) facilitated the British investment of Blue-sky to Balfour. Since then we have had a steady flow of interaction with one another"

Following the signing, MEGA CEO Ms Nokwe said: "regional partners play a major role in provincial economic sustainability, so we are delighted in the finalization of this MoU and are looking forward to the facilitation of investment to establish the Industrial Park in record time."

With the signing of this MoU, MEGA by facilitating the establishment and development of an industrial park will:

- take a further step forward in our close co-operative relationship and
- continue the joint effort to market the Province as an investment destination of choice and a trade hub

Ms Nokwe added, “We have no doubt that this industrial park situated in the mining heartland of the Province can and will evolve into a world class Provincial mining techno park.”

She concluded by saying “The Industrial Park initiative can be termed as development with foresight, it will lead to real economic growth in our Province, resulting in real jobs created and ultimately breaking the back of poverty”.

The Dipaleseng Municipal Council has allocate 20 hectares of land to develop an Industrial Park.

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## Images Attached

For your convenience we have attached images of the signing:

### ***File Name – MEGACO-3***

Dignitaries from left to right:

Shivon Wiggins – HOD: Property Management & Development, MEGA  
MP Tsotetsi – Executive Mayor, Dipaleseng Municipality  
Patrick Malebye – Municipal Manager, Dipaleseng Municipality  
Nosizwe Nokwe, CEO, MEGA  
Sara Mhlophe, Dipaleseng Municipality  
Paresh Pandya – Manager: Trade & Investment, MEGA

### ***File Name – MEGACO-1***

Dignitaries from left to right back row:

Paresh Pandya – Manager: Trade & Investment, MEGA  
Shivon Wiggins – HOD: Property Management & Development, MEGA  
MP Tsotetsi – Executive Mayor, Dipaleseng Municipality  
Sara Mhlophe, Dipaleseng Municipality

Signing from left to right

Nosizwe Nokwe, CEO, MEGA  
Patrick Malebye – Municipal Manager, Dipaleseng Municipality

### ***Editors Notes***

The Mpumalanga Economic Growth Agency was formed in terms of the MEGA Act (Act No. 4 of 2005) through a merger of the Mpumalanga Economic Empowerment Corporation and Mpumalanga Investment Initiative. The Act was promulgated in phases to facilitate a smooth transition to the new legal entity. MEGA became fully operational, and commenced its business activities, on April 1st, 2006. MEGA is accountable to the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development and Planning.

In terms of Section 3(1) of the Act, the legal mandate of MEGA incorporates the following broad objectives:

- To promote trade and investment
- To support enterprise development;
- To provide funding in respect of approved enterprise development focusing on HDIs within the province; and
- To focus on project management, development and management of immovable property.

MEGA is a Schedule III entity governed by a duly elected Board of Directors, acting as the Accounting Authority, in terms of Section 5(1) of the Act, and as contemplated in Section 49(2)(a) of the PFMA. Section 5(3) of the Act stipulates that the Board shall consist of not fewer than nine (9) members and not more than eleven (11) members eligible to vote at Board meetings. In addition, the Head of the Department (HoD), as the Accounting Officer of the Agency, or any other person so designated by the HoD, is an ex officio member of the Board without voting powers.

The Board is accountable to the Member of the Executive Council in the execution of its powers, functions and duties through a mutually agreed Shareholder's Compact.

MEGA's central role is to assist the Provincial Government in its drive to grow the economy in a manner that reduces unemployment and poverty, and facilitates the systematic and sustainable entry of HDIs into the formal economy. MEGA is, therefore, envisioned to play a pivotal role in the implementation of the Government's Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS).