

# 'Benefits of economic integration with continent are real'

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SOUTH AFRICA needs the African continent for its own prosperity. That was the central message Minister of Economic Development Ebrahim Patel delivered during the Africa Day symposium at the University of Johannesburg yesterday.

"The benefits of our economic integration with the continent are real," Patel said.

Patel said 244 000 jobs in South Africa were a direct result of imports and exports with the continent.

Patel made a number of references to the extent of South African exports on the continent to show the importance to our economy of these trade

relationships.

He highlighted the fact that one out of five bakkies made by Ford Ranger in Pretoria were sold in Africa. South Africa's biggest export market for clothing was not the US, but Mozambique, said Patel. South Africa also exported more televisions to Zambia than to Germany, and more plastics to Zimbabwe than to China.

Half of all South Africa's water came from Lesotho, and South Africa's largest industrial company, Sasol, was powered by gas from Mozambique.

It was not only an issue of jobs, but South Africa needed new markets. As the chairperson of Business Leadership South Africa, Bobby Godsell, noted at the symposium: "Our markets in South Africa are saturated, and we need to find

new markets on the African continent."

In order to create and participate in a fully functioning free-trade area, South Africa would need its neighbours' support. The rise of the middle class across the continent also represented huge opportunities. These are the messages that Patel has been taking to factories in Pretoria and Cape Town, and plans to take to workers across the country.

It was this highlighting of the importance of the African region to South Africa's economy that would go some way towards countering the xenophobic narrative in various sectors.

"Xenophobia is not so much about racism as it is about fear and the competition for jobs among the working class," said

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Patel. "The assertion of our common humanity or Ubuntu may not resonate with the person who needs to put food on the table."

Dr Iqbal Survé, executive chairman of Independent Media, spoke about the need for an African consciousness when he addressed the symposium. "We need to approach the con-

continent in a different way – we need to create shared values in order to improve lives, rather than just look at what we can get out of the continent," he said.

Meanwhile, Angola's secretary for tourism Paulo King Junior urged Africans to help each other because "your fight is our fight". Junior was one of several delegates from African countries who attended yesterday's Africa Day celebrations at the Artscape Theatre.

"Africa Day is about celebrating unity which is important for our countries' development," he said.

Premier Helen Zille said that in the Western Cape, Africa Day celebrations meant more than just an anniversary of the AU.

"Too often the world looks

at Africa as a single unit, a place of disasters, disease, corruption and poor governance, but this evening, we will witness the best of Africa from a Western Cape perspective – who is out there in research and making things happen."

Director for Artscape Audience Development and Education Marlene le Roux said: "This day is also to remind South Africa that we are Africans. We are the only African state that has 'Africa' in its name, but how do we see ourselves as peace brokers?"

And in Khayelitsha, the celebrations included dance, poetry, drama performances, a pageant show and anti-xenophobia messages. More than 1 000 pupils from schools in the area were at the event at Manyano High School.

People at the event were informed about different African cultures and languages. A marimba band provided background music and speakers delivered messages of unity, building bridges and relations between African immigrants. There were cheers for a drama about a Nigerian man who wanted to marry a South African woman, but both their parents refused.

Alexander Forbes chairperson Sello Moloko urged pupils to study hard and become professionals. "Teachers have a responsibility to guide the pupils to be what they want to be," he said, while Somali Refugees Aid Agency chairperson Abdurahman Osman said: "A nation that is willing to learn and maintains its dignity is a prosperous nation."

## APOLOGY

IN A complaint to the Press Ombudsman by Peter Cohen against the Cape Times that an article of April 23, 2015 headlined "Motorists urged to be on alert of car jamming" was plagiarised and the author not properly identified, the ombudsman has rejected the plagiarism charge, but upheld the author should have been identified as a representative of Momentum Insurance and not "Own Correspondent".

The ombudsman has ordered the Cape Times to apologise and to place the apology above the fold on page 2 or 3. While the Cape Times had merely presented the piece as a public service without any financial benefit, we apologise unreservedly.

## REALIGNMENT WILL AFFECT THOUSANDS

# Airport runway plan under fire from community

**Lisa Isaacs**

IF THE realignment of the airport runway is given the go-ahead, more than 387 000 people will be subjected to noise that exceeds guidelines and three communities will have to be relocated, an environmental impact assessment (EIA) says.

Airports Company South Africa (Acasa) plans to realign Cape Town International Airport's runway by 11.5 degrees, which will affect tens of thousands of people, including the residents of Freedom Farm, Malawi Camp and Blikkiesdorp.

The realignment will increase the number of aircraft that can land and take off. During peak hour, between 40 and 45 will be able to take off and land. Currently, Acasa can accommodate 30 aircraft an hour during peak times.

The three communities will be moved to either side of Symphony Way, said Mayo member for human settlements Benedicta van Minnen.

Areas that will be most affected by aircraft noise, if the realignment is given the go-ahead, include Delft, Delft

South, Nyanga, Khayelitsha and Elsies River.

Yesterday, the Blikkiesdorp community handed a submission to SRK Consulting, opposing the realignment. SRK is conducting the EIA. The community members said they had not been consulted, as was legally required.

In their submission, the Blikkiesdorp Joint Committee said: "We, the community of Blikkiesdorp, hereby attest that we have never been consulted by the consultants, SRK Consulting, in the compiling of the EIA. We oppose this draft as the final submission... as we have been excluded from the process."

Yesterday was the final day for comment submissions.

Acasa spokesperson Deborah Francis denied this and said there had indeed been consultations with the community.

"We have met with the community of Blikkiesdorp and we undertake to continue with this engagement. The runway can only be built once we have approval," she said.

She said the realignment could be completed in 2019, if all went according to plan.

Jerome Daniels, of the

Blikkiesdorp Joint Committee, said the community had been alerted to the EIA by an NGO.

"The City hasn't told us anything. We will deliver the submission and the next step will be to plan a meeting with the City," he said.

Van Minnen said the City had signed a memorandum of agreement with Acasa, which governed the management of land use to the east of the airport. She said residential land would be used to resettle the three communities.

"A benefit of the plan for Blikkiesdorp residents is that they will be permanently housed and households that qualify for a housing subsidy will get ownership of their property," she said.

Van Minnen said a project steering committee would be set up when the detailed planning of a housing project was initiated.

Sharon Jones, of SRK Consulting, said areas affected by different noise levels also included Edgemead, Bothasig and Goodwood.

"The land they will construct the runway on is land currently within the airport boundary and part of the land to the east is vacant. It has wetlands and alien vegetation. The wetland areas would unfortunately be lost."

She said Acasa would need to identify another piece of land for a wetland to offset the loss of the one which would be built on.

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**CAUSE TO CELEBRATE:** Association for the Advancement of Black Accountants of Southern Africa co-vice-chairperson Donovan van der Byl, Independent Media executive chairman Dr Iqbal Survé and Nokukhanya Sithole, from Sanlam, at last night's ceremony. *Picture: COURTNEY AFRICA*

## New black accountants to 'help take SA to next level'

**Siyavuya Mzantsi**

THE Association for the Advancement of Black Accountants of Southern Africa (Abasa) has congratulated a group of more than 100 students for qualifying as chartered accountants.

They were honoured during a ceremony at the Cape Town International Convention Centre last night.

The students, who were mainly from disadvantaged communities, passed their final exams recently.

The association creates awareness in poor communi-

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ties of its work and the accounting profession. It was established in 1985 to promote the interests of black people in the accounting profession.

Congratulating the new accountants at the gala dinner last night, Abasa board member Imtiaaz Hashim said: "For those who are candidates, you will know the journey can be a very interesting one."

"And for those who are not, trust me, it can be an emotional

roller-coaster; hard work, late nights, dedication, focus, discipline, patience, sacrifice and anxiety." Independent Media executive chairman Dr Iqbal Survé, who delivered a keynote address at the occasion, said the contribution of the new chartered accountants was needed in making South Africa a better country.

"I know it has been a difficult journey, but an important one because our country needs clever people who can take it to the next level."

"I think it is important what Abasa has done. At this point in time, we have many

challenges – transformation of society, of communities is not uniquely a South African phenomenon," he said.

Globally, marginalised communities demanded to know what happened in their countries, Dr Survé added.

"I think Abasa has a valuable role to play, in that it is very easy to look at transformation at a short-term point of view. Transformation isn't about technology. It is about the culture of a society and an organisation."

"We saw in our own country what happens when people's needs are not met."

## Drinking change welcomed

From Page 1 bring their IDs with when they come to our businesses and they will lose them because they will be intoxicated," she said.

National Health Department spokesperson Joe Malla said the department welcomed the proposal as it would lessen the impact of alcohol, one of the biggest causes of non-communicable diseases.

"Young people under the age of 21 who are under the influence of alcohol will take bigger risks," he said.

Spokesperson for the provincial Department of Transport Byron La Hoe said 73 drivers under the age of 30 were killed on Western Cape roads last year, 160 on the age of 21.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS**  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED WESKUSFLEUR SUBSTATION, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE  
DEA Reference Number: 14/12/16/3/3/2/508  
NEAS Reference: DEAEIA/0001780/2013  
The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process advertised during April 2013 whereby notice was given that Eskom Holdings SOC Limited proposes to develop a new 400/132kV substation (called Weskusfleur) in the vicinity of the existing Koeberg power station in the Western Cape Province is now continuing.

**REVIEW OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING REPORT**  
Due to restrictions placed on any further development around Koeberg Power Station the EIA process was placed on hold. The Final Scoping Report (FSR) was already out for public comment during late 2013 and submitted but was rejected by the Department due to these development restrictions. Eskom has now successfully complied and the restrictions were lifted. The EIA process can therefore continue. (Still under Government notice, R544, R545 and R546, of 18 June 2010) The same FSR plus proof of compliance by Eskom is now available for public comment. All interested and/or affected parties (I&APs) are hereby notified that the proposed Weskusfleur Substation FSR (Hard copy) will again be available at the venues indicated below (hard copy), or website (http://www.lidwala.com) or CD on written request, for review and comment from Tuesday, 26 May 2015 till Monday, 6 July 2015:

Venue	Working hours	Street Address	Contact No.
Koeberg Public Library	Mon, Wed, Fri: 10:00 - 17:00 Tue, Thu: 10:00 - 19:00 Sat: 10:00 - 13:00	Merchant Walk, Duynfontein, Melkbosstrand, 7441	021 553 2514
Brooklyn Library	Mon, Wed, Fri: 10:00 - 17:00 Tue, Thu: 11:00 - 19:00 Sat: 09:00 - 12:00	Koeberg Road Rugby, Cape Town	021 511 5489
Weskusfleur Public Library	Mon - Fri: 9:00 - 17:00 Sat: 09:00 - 12:00	Weskusfleur Circle, Atlantis, 7349	021 572 7495
Koeberg Visitor Centre	Mon-Thurs: 07:30 - 16:30 Friday: 07:30 - 13:00	R 27 Off West Coast Road Melkbosstrand, 7441	021 550 4667

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## NOTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR A PROPOSED CRUST LEATHER FACILITY IN ATLANTIS, CAPE TOWN

**Proposed Development:** Establishment of a crust leather facility in Atlantis Industrial Area, Cape Town  
**Location:** Erf 18043, 2A John van Niekerk Avenue, Atlantis Industrial Area, Cape Town  
**Date of Publication:** 26 May 2014  
**D-EA&DP Reference Number:** 16/3/3/6/7/1/A1/2/3020/15  
**CCT: Atmospheric Emission Licence Number:** WCCT071

Cape Produce Company (Pty) Ltd is intending to establish a crust leather facility in the industrial area of Atlantis, Cape Town. Crust involves the further application of chemicals, dyes and mechanical manipulation of animal hides/skins that have already been subjected to the primary tanning process (referred to as "wet-blue" product). The crust process serves to soften the leather and to impart the necessary properties to the leather to make it appropriate for a variety of end uses (e.g. garments, furniture etc.).

The crusting process of leather manufacturing does not generate the emissions and odours typically associated with tanning activities. However, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (D-EA&DP) has confirmed that the crusting process requires an Atmospheric Emission License (AEL) in terms of Section 21 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, 2004 (Act No. 39 of 2004) as it triggers the Category 10 Listed Activity as contained in GNR 893. As such, the development proposal also triggers Listed Activity Number 28 of Government Notice R984 (Listing Notice 2) published in terms of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations under the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998)(NEMA).

Chand Environmental Consultants has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioners to undertake this process. Notice is hereby given of a public participation process in terms of Section 24(5) of the (NEMA). This advertisement therefore serves as notification of the project, your opportunity to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and to advise that the Scoping Report and related documentation is available for a 30-day public review period from the 27 May 2015 to 29 June 2015. Details of the availability of the documentation are tabled below.

**YOUR INVITATION TO PARTAKE IN THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD OF THE SCOPING REPORT:**

**DATES:** 27 May 2015 – 29 June 2015  
**VENUES:** 1. Avondale Public Library, Tel: 021 572 3529  
2. Chand Environmental Consultants: Contact person: Mellissa Mc James, 021-762 3050, Richmond Centre, 174-206 Main Road, Plumstead

The documents can also be viewed on Chand's website once public review commences: [www.chand.co.za](http://www.chand.co.za)

Should you or your organisation have any comments or queries regarding this project or the documentation, or if you would like to participate in the process and be notified of further opportunities to provide comment, please ensure that you register as an I&AP by writing to **Mellissa McJames** by no later than **29 June 2015**:

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