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SOUTH AFRICA RISING WITH BANGLADESH FOR MUTUAL BENEFITS

By Hope Motitimi

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Minister, Honourable Sihle Zikalala (MP), has told a Bangladeshi delegation, on the sidelines of the 15th BRICS Summit in Johannesburg that South Africa was open for investment in almost all areas. After 50 years of independence, the People's Republic of Bangladesh is ready to take the lead in creating steps towards the world of tomorrow. On the 23rd of August 2023, "The Rise of Bengal Tiger: Bangladesh Trade and Business Summit" took place at the Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, Johannesburg, O.R. Tambo.

Hosting a multitude of potential investors within South Africa, the business summit was aimed at attracting more investments in major imported items from South Africa into Bangladesh like Edible fruit and Nuts, Paper and Paper Boards, Man-made staple fibers, mineral products, Iron and Steels, and Chemical Products, as well as possible investments in infrastructure.

Minister Zikalala delivered a keynote address at the summit with hopes of better collaboration between South Africa and Bangladesh, in importing and exporting goods and building a better economy. "We are located as a gateway to Africa and if investors from Bangladesh locate themselves here, they will have greater access to the African Continent. We will approach any relationship with values of leadership, passion, quality and transparency. We also have guaranteed policies and Return on Investments," he said. In closing, Minister Zikalala encouraged the investors from Bangladesh to continue collaborating in building a better economy for South Africa, Bangladesh and the world.

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STRENGTHENING SOUTH AFRICA'S EFFORTS OF BUILDING THE OCEAN'S ECONOMY

By Hope Motitimi

Minister Sihle Zikalala met with the Senior Leadership of the China Communications Construction Company (CCCC) Limited, on the sidelines of the 15th BRICS Summit in Johannesburg on 23 August 2023.

He was accompanied by Acting DG Nyeleti Makhubele, Acting DDG Project Management Office (PMO), Sifiso Mdakane, Acting DDG Construction Project Management, Wasnaar Hlabangwane and DDG Inter-Governmental Coordination, Adam Mthombeni.

The engagement sought to support South Africa's efforts of building the ocean's economy and marine resources, to benefit South Africa's coastal communities such as, among others, the Eastern Cape, Port Nolloth in the Northern Cape and Port Shepstone in KwaZulu-Natal south coast

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