

NOTICE 761 OF 2014

The Minister of Trade and Industry hereby invites nominations for members to serve on the Special Economic Zones Advisory Board.

The Special Economic Zones Act No. 16 of 2014 was assented to by the State President on the 19th of May 2014.

In terms of Sec 7 of the Act, a Special Economic Zones Advisory Board has been established.

Qualifications of Advisory Board Members

The Minister seeks candidates of sound moral character who have extensive experience in industry, having reached senior positions within their organizations and who have earned the respect of their peers. The Minister seeks strongly independent candidates who are mindful of both their duties to the Board and their duties to the development of our country. In addition, the following qualifications are required.

A honours degree (A Master's degree and higher will be an added advantage) in Business/Financial Management, Project Management, Engineering, Development studies, Corporate Law and Corporate Finance;

Membership of the professional body overseeing their area of expertise;

Prior experience as a member of the Board of a large and complex organization;

Senior management experience reflecting 15 to 20 years' track record of performance in their chosen industry;

Over 15 years' knowledge, experience and expertise relevant to Special Economic Zones including:

- Expertise and experience in property management, urban planning, business performance and sustainability management and in the fields of project finance, financial management, human resources

management, project and risk management, corporate governance, international trade and marketing, corporate and labour law and environmental management.

- Ideally candidates should also possess experience in change management, facilities and asset management, institutional turnaround, deal structuring and business strategy implementation in either manufacturing or services sectors;
- Knowledge of government policy, specifically industrial policy (IPAP, NIPF, NES, NDP);
- Understanding of legal and regulatory compliance issues in the Public Sector.

Such candidates will be capable of providing strategic leadership and specialist knowledge to the Board coupled with a strong desire to serve the developmental interests of our country.

Roles and responsibilities of the Member are to contribute to the strategic functioning of the Advisory Board, which has been mandated to:

- i. Advise the Minister on policy and strategy in order to promote, develop, operate and manage Special Economic Zones;
- ii. Monitor the implementation of the Special Economic Zones policy and Strategy, reporting to the Minister on an annual basis on the implementation of such policy and strategy;
- iii. Consider applications for the designation of Special Economic Zones and recommend to the Minister whether or not to approve the applications and grant a Special Economic Zone licence to the applicants;
- iv. Consider applications for an operator permit and recommend to the Minister whether or not to approve the applications;
- v. Consider applications for the transfer of an operator permit and recommend to the Minister whether or not to approve such application with or without any conditions;
- vi. Liaise with a Special Economic Zone entity Board and an operator on the

- implementation of the Special Economic Zone strategic plans;
- vii. Report in the prescribed manner to the Minister on progress relating to the development of Special Economic Zones;
 - viii. Advise the Minister on minimum norms and standards required for the provision of a one stop shop and physical infrastructure in a Special Economic Zone;
 - ix. Monitor the progress on the implementation of one stop shops and make recommendations on the possible interventions;
 - x. Advise the Minister on initiatives to market Special Economic Zones;
 - xi. Assess and review the success of Special Economic Zones in achieving its purposes in line with the programme strategic objectives;
 - xii. Monitor and review the performance of Special Economic Zones and make recommendations on reducing sustainability risks and improving the competitiveness of each Special Economic Zone;
 - xiii. Conduct investigations on any matter arising out of the application of the SEZ Act; and
 - xiv. Perform such other functions consistent with the objectives of the Act as determined by the Minister.

The terms of office of the Advisory Board member is for a period of 5 years from the date of appointment. Members may be eligible for reappointment.

Expenditure, remuneration and allowances paid to members of Advisory Board will be determined by relevant public sector remuneration policies.

The following person's application will not be considered:

- i. rehabilitated insolvents;
- ii. persons who have been declared by a High Court with jurisdiction to be mentally ill;
- iii. persons who have been convicted of an offence in the Republic or elsewhere, other than an offence committed prior to 27 April 1994 associated with a political objective, and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine or, in the case of fraud or any other offence involving dishonesty, to a fine or imprisonment or both a fine and imprisonment;

- iv. persons who have at any time been removed from an office of trust on account of breach of fiduciary duties; or
- v. persons who are otherwise disqualified in terms of section 69 of the Companies Act, 2008 (Act No.71 of 2008).

Nomination and application procedure: Nominations and applications must be accompanied by • A detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV) accompanied by the shares and other financial interest form, and the Register of interest information sheet obtainable from the enquiries person • A written motivation to explain nominees' suitability for appointment • A signed letter of acceptance from the candidate • A written disclosure of business interests and membership in other boards.

Note: Short-listed candidates will be subjected to necessary security clearance • Preference will be given to candidates whose appointment will enhance gender and geographical representation • Correspondence will be limited to short-listed candidates only • No email or facsimile applications will be accepted • Strict compliance with the nomination requirements and selection procedure will be adhered to.

*Applications and nominations should be submitted to the Minister of Trade and Industry in writing for the attention of ***Ms Poppy Kweyama, Public Entity Oversight Unit***, Department of Trade and Industry, Private Bag x84, Pretoria, 0001. Hand deliveries: ***Ms Poppy Kweyama, 3rd Floor, Block A***, 77 Meintjies Street, Sunnyside, 0002. Enquiries: ***Poppy Kweyama Tel (012) 394 1871 or skwena@thedti.gov.za*** Closing date: 12 September 2014. Should you not receive any correspondence within two weeks of closing date, please consider your application unsuccessful.*