

- which 6 321 are permanent and 1 091 are temporary.
- A special unit has been established in the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation to investigate cases of late or non-payment of suppliers, despite the submission of a legitimate invoice within 30 days.
- The Small Enterprise Finance Agency disbursed R344 million to 24 711 SMMEs. It also financed 5 305 youth-owned businesses, 22 296 black-owned, 21 940 women-owned, and 22 620 SMMEs and cooperatives in priority provinces. For more information contact:

Department of Small Business Development at Tel: 0861 843 384

8. State reform and boosting the role of state-owned companies, information and communications technology infrastructure or broadband roll-out, water, sanitation and transport infrastructure

- Government and public agencies have invested over R1 trillion in infrastructure between 2009 and 2014.
- The investments are in energy, road, rail, ports, public transport, bulk water and sanitation, hospitals, basic and higher education infrastructure and innovative projects such as the Square Kilometre Array and Meerkat telescopes.
- By August 2015, some 41 351 km of fibre optic cables had been rolled out to provide the broadband capability for the economy.
- In March 2015, Cabinet approved the final amendments to the Broadcasting Digital Migration Policy, which unlocked the project and included the provision of free set-top boxes to five million poor TV-owning households.
- Government has identified water as a critical resource for economic development and work continues to implement the Five-Point Plan for water and sanitation.
- Government is intervening to stop water leaks – which cost the country R7 billion a year – by training artisans and plumbers to fix leaking taps in their communities.
- In an effort to maintain provincial roads, 19.24km have been surfaced, 62km resealed, 18km gravelled, 821km bladed and 227 628 m² potholes patched, funded through the Provincial Roads Maintenance Grant.
- The feasibility study for the construction of a rail factory in Ekurhuleni has been approved. This factory will produce 580 coaches and generate approximately 33 000 direct and indirect jobs. For more information contact:

Department of Transport at Tel: 012 309 3657

Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services at Tel: 012 427 8000

Department of Water and Sanitation at Tel: 012 336 7500

Department of Communications at Tel: 012 473 0000

9. Operation Phakisa, which is aimed at growing the ocean economy and other sectors

- Government launched the fast results delivery methodology, Operation Phakisa, in the health and ocean economy sectors in 2014.
- A Mining Phakisa, aimed at minerals beneficiation, will be launched by the end of 2015. For more information contact:

Department of Mineral Resources at Tel: 012 444 3000

Department of Economic Development at Tel: 012 394 3747

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#9PointPlan



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

1. Resolving the energy challenge

- Government is working towards a reliable energy supply to ensure energy security for now and the future, and to enable economic growth.
- Substantial progress has been made in resolving the energy challenges in South Africa since the inception of the Five-Point Energy Plan in December 2014.
- The operations and maintenance practices at Eskom continue to improve to ensure that the power plants are appropriately maintained and provide electricity within their capacity.
- On 30 August 2015, President Zuma officially opened one of six generating units at Medupi Power Station in Lephalale, Limpopo, which contributes about 800 megawatts to the grid.
- Recently, 21 284 households were connected to grid electricity and 2 761 connected to off-grid technology. For more information contact:

Department of Energy at Tel: 012 406 8000

Department of Public Enterprise at Tel: 012 431 1000

2. Revitalising agriculture and the agro-processing value chain

- The plan includes increasing support for existing smallholder farmers and exploring ways to substantially expand the number of agricultural producers.



- Work is continuing to develop 44 Agri-parks across the nine provinces.
- By 30 June 2015, the Commission on Restitution of Land Rights had settled over 78 138 land claims, which benefitted more than 1,9 million individuals from 385 691 families from an award of 3 231 787 hectares of land acquired at the cost of R18,7 billion. For more information contact:

Department of Rural Development and Land Reform at Tel: 012 312 8911

3. Advancing beneficiation or adding value to the mineral wealth

- Mining is a critical component of the South African economy.
- Government has put plans in place to save jobs and to find alternatives to the threat of job losses in the mining and steel sectors that would have a negative impact to many families, communities and the economy.
- The Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) provided support for a 100 kilowatt static fuel cell that runs on platinum and natural gas installed at the Chamber of Mines offices in Johannesburg.
- President Zuma has put in place a Special Presidential Package to revitalise distressed mining towns and promote a sustainable mining industry. For more information contact:

Department of Mineral Resources at Tel: 012 444 3000

4. More effective implementation of a higher-impact Industrial Policy Action Plan

To further scale up industrial development in the country government has, among other interventions, achieved the following:

- Introduced the Black Industrialist Programme, which is designed to transform the

manufacturing sector and unlock the potential of black entrepreneurs.

- Through the Manufacturing Competitiveness Enhancement Programme, government approved 161 enterprises for funding and leveraged investment of R5,8 billion with 28 212 jobs sustained.
- The Automotive Incentive Scheme approved 13 enterprises for funding and leveraged investment of R1,5 billion.
- Initial funding of R1 billion has been secured from the dti for the 2015/16 financial year and R23 billion from the Industrial Development Corporation for the next three financial years. For more information contact:

Department of Trade and Industry at Tel: 0861 843 384

5. Encouraging private sector investment

- The automotive sector produced over 566 000 units in 2014 from 356 800 units in 2000.
- Improved auto exports from 11 000 units in 1995 to over 270 000 units in 2014 and as a result, 300 000 jobs have been created in the automotive sector.
- In 2014, auto exports amounted to R115 billion, which is 12,7% of total exports in the country.
- Significant progress is being made in terms of attracting investment into the Industrial

Development Zones (IDZs). For example, in the Coega IDZ, 12 new investors with an investment value of more than R8 billion were signed, five investors with an investment value of more than R140 million were signed in the East London IDZ and the Richards Bay IDZ signed five new investors with an investment value of more than R2,8 billion.

- Government's intervention aimed at stopping the decline of the clothing, textiles, leather and footwear sector resulted in the retention of 68 000 jobs in the sector. For more information contact:

Department of Economic Development at Tel: 012 394 3747

Department of Trade and Industry at Tel: 0861 843 384

6. Moderating workplace conflict

- Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa leads the interface between business and labour to normalise labour relations.
- Mechanisms to reduce workplace conflict include an agreement to develop a Code of Conduct for strikes, lockouts and compulsory arbitration by the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration. For more information contact:

Department of Labour at Tel: 012 309 4000

7. Unlocking the potential of small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs), cooperatives, township and rural enterprises

- As part of facilitating access to finance for SMMEs and cooperatives, the Department of Small Business Development's Black Business Supplier Development Programme supported 221 enterprises to the tune of R60,7 million. This has supported 7 412 jobs, of