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CELEBRATIONS: CDC staff celebrated the organisation's continued success by winning another Oliver Empowerment Award. The CDC won the Top Empowered: Public Service Award in the 14th Annual Oliver Empowerment Awards on 23 April 2015. Last year the CDC won the Job Creation Award.

Coega wins Top Empowered: Public Service Award at SA's most prestigious empowerment event

APRIL 28, 2015: THE Coega Development Corporation's (CDC) winning streak continues as it scooped the Top Empowered: Public Service Award at the 14th Annual Oliver Empowerment Awards at Emperors' Palace in Johannesburg on 23 April 2015.

"The organisation is thrilled to have been awarded an Oliver Empowerment Award for a second year running as the Top Empowered public service organisation. It shows CDC's consistency in delivering top class services and efficiency. This award speaks to the hard work and inputs by everyone in the organisation," said the CDC's Executive Manager for Business Development, Christopher Mashigo.



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The Oliver Empowerment Awards are regarded as South Africa's premier awards for leadership and innovation in empowerment and transformation. They are hosted in association with publication *Impumelelo, South Africa's Top Empowered Companies*.

The award is given to companies with a strong performance in socio-economic development programmes, with policies and initiatives that advance underprivileged communities and individuals affected by income inequality.

The CDC was one of five finalists in the category along with the Automotive Industry Development Centre (AIDC), the South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA), the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (NECSA) and Mango Airlines (Flymango.com).

The competition was adjudicated by esteemed panel of judges, i.e. Xolani Qubeka: Secretary General Black Business Council, CEO: Small Business Development Institute; Duduzile Maseko: Executive Director for Community Development City of Joburg; Allon Rai: CEO of Raizcorp; Johanna Mukoki: Group CEO of Travel with Flair; Leigh Gunkel-Keuler: Public Affairs, Policy and Communications Director of Pfizer; Siphwe Ngwenya: CEO of Gauteng Growth Development Agency (GGDA); and Molebatsi Moagi: Managing Director of Centre of Supplier Development

Last year, the CDC won the Job Creation Award at the Oliver Empowerment Awards and was also one of four recipients of a RAIZCORP bursary valued at R250 000.

"We remain committed to improving conditions for the people of the Eastern Cape, and further afield throughout the country where we are present," said Dr. Ayanda Vilakazi, CDC head of Marketing and Communications.

The CDC, which manages South Africa's largest and most successful Industrial Development Zone (IDZ), continues to excel and has manifested a number of strong growth and development coups in the last financial year ended 31 March 2015. Some of the company's big achievements include:

- Securing 19 new investors for the Coega IDZ and investments valued at R1.8-billion for the South African economy.
- Delivering 75 construction and refurbishment projects, including emergency schools and early childhood centres, for the Department of Basic Education and the Eastern Cape Department of Education.
- Creating 7000 jobs from new investors secured during 2014 and 2015.



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- Empowering 500 small, micro and medium-sized enterprises (SMMEs) which took part in the CDC Black Economic Empowerment Competitiveness Improvement Programme (BEECIP) in the Eastern Cape and KwaZulu Natal.

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Note to the editor: The Coega Development Corporation (Pty) Ltd (CDC) is the operator of the Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) in Nelson Mandela Bay, South Africa. Established in 1999, the CDC is wholly-owned by the South African Government. The Coega IDZ is South Africa's premier location for new industrial investments. The CDC aims to provide a competitive investment location and a total business solution for its customers, as well as ensuring sustainable economic development in the region. The CDC's IDZ Zone 2 is a fully registered Customs Control Area which was approved by SARS on the 9th of May 2014. To date, the CDC has delivered on its mandate to provide socio-economic development for the Eastern Cape, has enabled the creation of over 62142 jobs since inception, with 28 operational investors and boasts an investment portfolio in excess of R151-billion. The CDC has also trained 71 445 people since inception.

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COEGA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE AND DEEP WATER PORT

OPERATING SA'S FIRST & LEADING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE - NELSON MANDELA BAY

Since 1999

The Coega Development Corporation (CDC) is a state-owned entity formed in 1999 and mandated to develop and operate the Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ), located adjacent to the modern deep water port facility, Port of Ngqura, in Nelson Mandela Bay in the Eastern Cape. Coega's vision is to be the leading catalyst for socio-economic growth.

COEGA IDZ INFRASTRUCTURE

41km of roads	184km electrical cable
37km of stormwater	1 138 street lights
40km of sewer with 5 pump stations	83 x MV electrical substations
38km potable water	5 x 132kv
178km service ducts (telecoms)	1 peaking power plant

2014 ACHIEVEMENTS

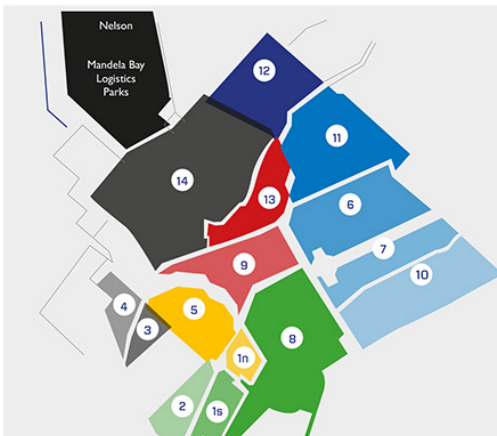
- Infrastructure Development, Top Performing Public Service awards, along with its head of marketing and communications, Dr Ayanda Vilakazi, was named the country's 2014/2015 Top Executive of the Year (under forty years).
- Job Creation Award at the 13th Annual Oliver Empowerment Awards
- The CDC made investment history signing 10 clients at an investment value of just over R1.8-billion in the 2013/14 financial year.
- Winner of prestigious 12th Annual National Business Awards (NBA):

FAST FACTS

- BIGGEST IDZ IN SA AT **11 500HA**
- 14 ZONES** BUILT ALONG CLUSTER MODEL
- 6 443HA** OF PRIME LETTABLE INDUSTRIAL SPACE
- WITHIN **15 MINUTES** OF ROAD, RAIL, AIR & SEA
- 20 MINUTE** DRIVE TO PE CBD main substations
- AUTO, RENEWABLES, BPO & AGRO-PROCESSING HUB
- 30 MINUTE** DRIVE TO BIGGEST WIND ENERGY GENERATING FARM
- 62 142** JOBS CREATED SINCE INCEPTION IN 1999
- 71 445** PEOPLE TRAINED
- 28** OPERATIONAL INVESTORS
- ACCESS TO **3** PORTS (PE, NGQURA, EAST LONDON)
- HUGE LOGISTICS ZONE CONNECTED SEAMLESSLY WITH PORT
- DIRECT LINKAGE WITH DEEP WATER PORT OF NGQURA
- NEIGHBOURS WITH FASTEST GROWING PORT IN SOUTH AFRICA

580 SMILING FACES AT CDC READY TO MAKE YOUR INVESTMENT DREAMS A REALITY

6 443HA OF PRIME LETTABLE INDUSTRIAL SPACE



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| ZONE 1N
Commercial Cluster | ZONE 8
Port Area |
| ZONE 1S
Logistics Cluster | ZONE 9
Materials Handling Cluster |
| ZONE 2
Automotive Cluster | ZONE 10
Mariculture & Aquaculture Cluster |
| ZONE 3
General Industries Cluster | ZONE 11
Petrochemical Cluster |
| ZONE 4
Training/Academic Cluster | ZONE 12
Advanced Manufacturing Cluster |
| ZONE 5
Metallurgical Cluster | ZONE 13
Energy Cluster |
| ZONE 6
Ferrous Metals Cluster | ZONE 14
Advanced Manufacturing Cluster |
| ZONE 7
Chemical Cluster | |

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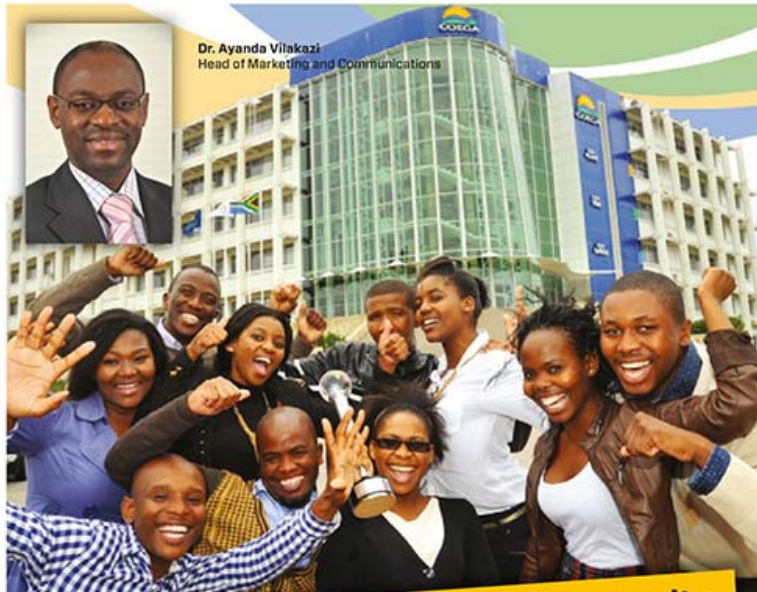
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#JobSeekers Coega's Commitment to skilling job seekers for an Industrial future.



Apprenticeship Training Welding



Mobile Science Laboratories



Driver Outreach Programme

Apprenticeship Training

The CDC remains one of the largest producers of skills in the Eastern Cape through various skills development programmes.



Apprenticeship Training Carpentry



Youth Leadership Development Programme



Maths and Science Academy

The Coega Development Corporation (CDC) is a beacon of hope for job seekers. It remains one of the largest producers of skills in the Eastern Cape through various programmes. Apprenticeship training opportunities through our Human Capital Solutions Business Unit, includes the Skills Development Programme. The CDC's Gateway to Opportunity webpage (G2O) features a variety of employment and training opportunities. Access the employment and training opportunities by simply registering on the G2O webpage (www.g2o.co.za) and start paving your way to life changing opportunities today.

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