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NEW INVESTMENT: Linda Sityoshwana, CDC's trade solutions project manager, welcomes Kevin Stasch, Head of Projects for ALE Heavylift SA, the first tenant to occupy space in the multi-million rand Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) laydown area located in Zone 1.

# Coega welcomes first project tenant to multi-million rand laydown area next to Ngqura port

APRIL 29, 2015: A R1.2-million deal was signed between the Coega Development Corporation (CDC) and ALE Heavylift South Africa, a heavy transport and lifting services company, for the storage of abnormal cargo in the Coega Industrial Development Zone's (IDZ) new lay-down area.

ALE Heavylift South Africa is now the first project tenant that will operate from and make use of the newly established R9 million laydown area.





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The 12 hectare abnormal cargo storage site, located on the boundary between the Port of Ngqura and the Coega IDZ, will be used as a temporary storage site for wind turbines that will be transported to the Amakhala wind-farm project near Bedford.

"From this month (April) until November this year, nine vessels will offload 56 wind turbines at the Port of Ngqura and the Coega IDZ for the Amakhala Project located near Bedford in the Eastern Cape," said Linda Sityoshwana, CDC's trade solutions project manager.

The eight month contract has a R 1.2 million value for CDC.

"The first vessel docked at the Port of Ngqura on Wednesday, April 22 and the wind turbine components have already been stored at the lay-down area as from Thursday, April 23.

"ALE Heavylift South Africa will occupy two-hectares of land and will have an option to expand the land area with an additional 1.4 hectares at the peak of the project," she said.

According Sityoshwana, skilled and unskilled labour will be sourced from the Eastern Cape and around 45 jobs will be created.

"ALE Heavylift South Africa is a major industry player and for this reason Coega is proud to be associated with the organisation. This signing confirms the Port of Ngqura and Coega IDZ as the ideal corridors for the transport of abnormal cargo".

The company forms part of the Global ALE business with offices throughout South Africa and sub-Sahara Africa, and specialises in abnormal load engineering, and has the necessary project management and technical skills to offer clients a comprehensive turnkey solution through shipping, cranage, transport, on-site handling and installation.

The Port of Ngqura has been the port of entry for major abnormal-sized equipment, particularly wind turbine components and items such as the cold box for Afrox's and Air Products' air separation unit, among others.

Dr Ayanda Vilakazi, CDC Head of Marketing and Communications said: "South Africa is presently one of the world's most exciting renewable energy markets. CDC has identified renewables component manufacturing as a key activity to boost the local economy, but is now also providing special support through the new lay-down area.





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"From a logistics perspective, location at Coega IDZ enables easy access to the Port of Ngqura and the N2 highway and our laydown area plays a vital part of the logistics value chain, enabling short to medium storage solutions.

"Future investors and tenants likely to make use of the laydown also include Project Mthombo, the ferrous metals plants, and the biofuels facilities.

"The laydown area will allow tenants of the area to move cargo between the port and IDZ, within an allocated space through a dedicated entrance, reducing heavy traffic on the main entrance route to the port," he said.

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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 56 000 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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OPERATING SA'S FIRST & LEADING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE - NELSON MANDELA BAY

1138 street lights

1 peaking power plant

SMILING FACES AT CDC READY TO MAKE

83x MV electrical substations

Since 1999

The Coega Development Corporation (CDC) is a stateowned 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 socioeconomic growth.

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■ 30 MINUTE DRIVE TO BIGGEST WIND ENERGY GENERATING FARM

#### ■56000 JOBS

- CREATED SINCE INCEPTION IN 1999
- 71445 PEOPLE
- 28 OPERATIONAL
- ACCESS TO 3 PORTS
  - (PE, NGQURA, EAST LONDON)
- HUGE LOGISTICS ZONE CONNECTED SEAMLESSLY WITH PORT
- DIRECT LINKAGE WITH DEEP WATER PORT OF NGQURA





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