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Coega Wild Coast SEZ Programme Signs Landmark Agreement with Alfred Nzo Development Agency



Dr. David Lefutso, Coega Executive Manager: Wild Coast SEZ Programme (left) signs service level agreement with ANDA Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Lumko Mtimde (right) at the Coega offices in East London.

East London, 12 August 2025 — The Coega Development Corporation (Coega) and the Alfred Nzo Development Agency (ANDA), today, signed a landmark Service Level

Agreement (SLA) at the Coega offices in East London, marking a pivotal step in the Wild Coast Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Programme.

The agreement positions ANDA's portfolio as a core implementing agency within the SEZ framework and commits both organisations to delivering a robust pathway for industrial development in Alfred Nzo.

This SLA formalises a collaboration in which Coega will act as an Implementing Agent (IA) to advance the establishment of the Alfred Nzo Industrial Park. The initial focus is a full feasibility study for the development of an Industrial Park in Mbizana on 1,272 hectares of land owned by the Izinini Community Property Association (CPA).

The ultimate deliverable is an operational Industrial Park that stimulates investment, job creation and regional value chain development.

Key deliverables and focus areas include:

- Complete a full feasibility study for the Mbizana Industrial Park on 1,272 hectares of Izinini CPA land.
- Develop a comprehensive business case, an operational structure, and an investment promotion framework.
- Undertake site assessments to evaluate spatial and infrastructural potential in the region.
- Facilitate a feasibility and value chain analysis for the region to identify priority sectors and linkages.
- Introduce an ownership model for the industrial park that supports sustainable governance and long-term viability.
- Develop a stakeholder management plan and arrange the relevant shareholder agreements between provincial, district and local government entities.



- Assist ANDA to promote the project and attract investment, aligned with the broader socioeconomic objectives of the Wild Coast SEZ Programme.

Governance and appointment terms:

Coega will serve as Implementing Agent (IA) whose key role is to formalise the establishment of the Alfred Nzo Industrial Park. The appointment period is 24 months, renewable by mutual written consent. Coega will coordinate stakeholder engagement, establish a governance framework, and facilitate the necessary shareholder arrangements to ensure alignment across all spheres of government.

Strategic significance:

This SLA embodies a shared commitment to expanding Coega's IA portfolio in service of inclusive economic development. By advancing the Alfred Nzo Industrial Park within the Wild Coast SEZ Programme, the collaboration aims to unlock strategic land assets, unlock value across the value chain, and create a conducive environment for sustainable investment and job creation in Alfred Nzo and the wider region.

According to Dr. David Lefutso, in his capacity as Coega Executive Manager: Wild Coast SEZ Programme: "The signing of the SLA between Alfred Nzo Development Agency and Coega promotes the development of a model for a wider Wild Coast SEZ, which will allow us to diversify our investors to areas where they are closer to the commodity markets. For now, we are developing a full feasibility study for Alfred Nzo; we've already done a pre-feasibility study, so this is a continuation of the work we have been doing. At this point in time, we cannot share the value of projects as we need to assess the infrastructure required."



ANDA Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Lumko Mtimde, said: “We are here today regarding the work we have previously done together for a pre-feasibility study for a possible Alfred Nzo Industrial Park in the Winnie Madikizela Mandela Municipality. Now that the pre-feasibility study has been produced, today we are signing a service level agreement towards the feasibility study that will then give us a clearer picture of this industrial park. We envisage that this feasibility study will not exceed 24 months, but we aim to ensure that we finalise it long before this to start attracting partners and investment to begin the real work. The costs related to these feasibility studies are huge. The pre-feasibility study was sponsored by Coega and now this feasibility study is a joint commitment,” concluded Mtimde.

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About Alfred Nzo Development Agency: The Alfred Nzo Development Agency is a catalyst for economic development for the semi –urban and rural areas, encourage private sector investment, public private partnerships and community – led economic development initiatives that will improve the life of this area. They achieve this by implementing local economic development initiatives that stimulate economic growth and job creation, facilitating access to markets for local products locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, building organisational and institutional capacity that sustains the effectiveness of the organisation, developing local economic potential in disadvantaged areas to promote access to jobs and markets, mobilising investment into the district to support economic activities, economically empowering people of Alfred Nzo through the structuring and procurement of the ANDA developments, and strengthening value add development partnerships and co-operation between ANDA and with all stakeholders for investment promotion.

About Coega: The Coega Development Corporation is headquartered in the City of Gqeberha, Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, South Africa, with a strategic operational footprint in South Africa and beyond the borders on the African continent. Coega’s vision is to be the leading catalyst for the championing of socio-economic development. This it seeks to achieve through the development and operation of the 9 003-hectare Coega Special Economic Zone (SEZ), a transshipment hub and a leading investment destination in Africa, providing highly skilled competence and capacity for the execution of complex infrastructure and related projects throughout South Africa and selected markets on the African continent, and advisory on the development of industrialisation and logistics zones. Coega’s advanced capabilities are successful enablers in sustainable economic zone development and management, real assets management, infrastructure planning and development, technology integration while realising related socio-economic impact areas such as skills and SMME development. Coega’s high-performance ethos is grounded in its commitment to sustainable development, the protection of its people and the planet, and the delivery of infrastructure solutions that support a just social and economic transition to a low-carbon, resource efficient, and climate



resilient future. The foundational culture of Coega's approach, backed by its core values, is innovation and continuous improvement.

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