



POSITIONING AMATHOLE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY AS AN
INVESTMENT DESTINATION

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1. WELCOME TO AMATHOLE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY EXECUTIVE MAYOR



Executive Mayor: Cllr A Ntsangani

As the Executive Mayor of the Amathole district municipality, I am delighted to present to you this investment booklet, which showcases the tremendous opportunities available in our small towns. These towns are filled with rich history, natural beauty, and a sense of community that make them ideal locations for businesses and investors. Our Spatial Planning and Local Economic Development Strategy (SPLED) represents a roadmap for growth and development, and we are excited to work with partners who share our vision of a prosperous and vibrant municipality.

Here are some opportunities for business, agriculture, oceans economy, climate change, forestry and tourism etc that can be highlighted in the investment booklet:

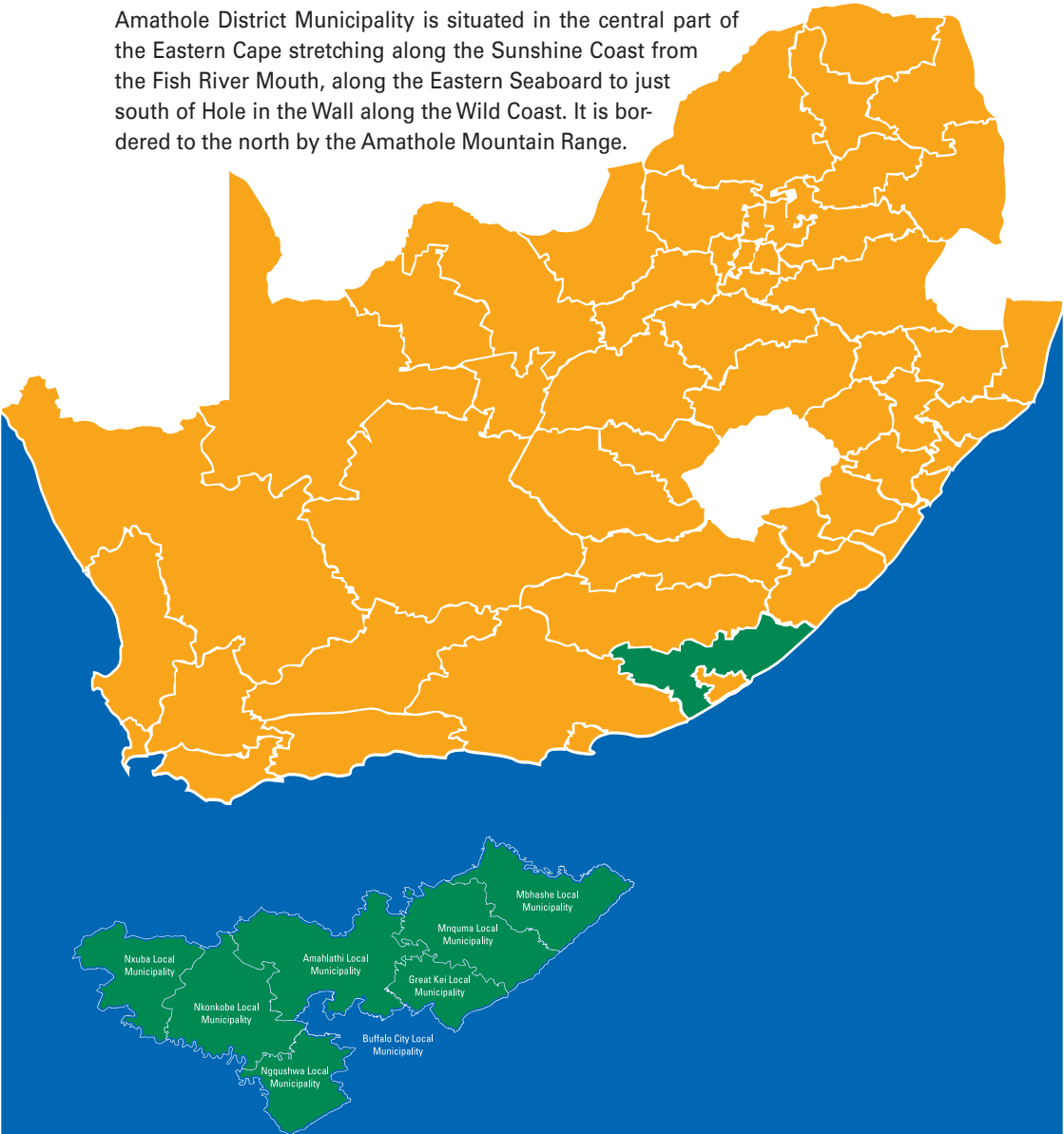
- **Business:** The municipality offers a range of incentives and support services for businesses, including tax breaks, grant programs, and access to skilled labour.
- **Agriculture:** Our municipality is home to rich farmland and a thriving agricultural sector, with opportunities for agribusiness, food processing, and niche farming.
- **Heritage & Tourism:** Our small towns offer unique cultural experiences, outdoor recreation, and historic landmarks that appeal to tourists from around the world. We are committed to promoting sustainable tourism that benefits our communities and the environment.
- **Oceans economy:** Our coastline offers opportunities for aquaculture, marine tourism, and marine renewable energy. We are committed to developing a thriving and sustainable oceans economy that benefits local communities.
- **Climate change:** Our municipality is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, but we are also positioned to lead the transition to a low-carbon economy through investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and green infrastructure.

I invite you to explore the possibilities within these pages, and to consider investing in our future



2. WHERE IS AMATHOLE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY LOCATED

Amathole District Municipality is situated in the central part of the Eastern Cape stretching along the Sunshine Coast from the Fish River Mouth, along the Eastern Seaboard to just south of Hole in the Wall along the Wild Coast. It is bordered to the north by the Amathole Mountain Range.



3. AT A GLANCE A BRIEF SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROFILE

ECONOMY

Gross Domestic Product

R 53.2 bn

Current prices

0.7%

of national GDP

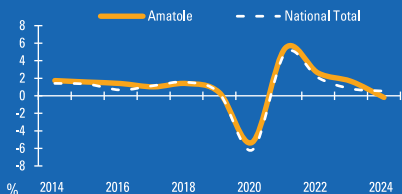
Sector composition

Agriculture, 3%
Mining, 0%

Manufacturing, 8%
Electricity, 3%
Construction, 2%

Trade, 16%
Transport, 4%
Finance, 17%
Community services, 47%

Economic growth: 2014 -2024



Economic growth annual % change

	2023 -2024	10 year avg.
Amatole	-0.2%	1.0%
National Total	0.5%	0.7%

Top 10 sectors (GVA)
- R billions

	2024
Education	11.06
Health and social work	6.11
Public administration and defence activities	4.86
Finance and Insurance	3.69
Wholesale and commission trade	3.67
Retail trade and repairs of goods	2.83
Real estate activities	2.30
Other business activities	2.22
Agriculture and hunting	1.44
Electricity, gas, steam and hot water supply	1.22
All other smaller sectors	9.49



LABOUR MARKET

Employment

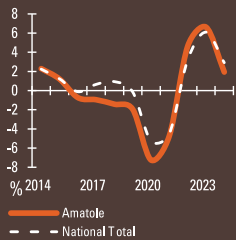
175,000
number of jobs

1.0%
of national employment

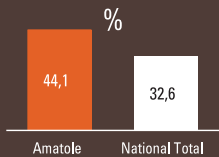
Jobs

Primary		Created / lost since 2014
Agriculture	7.2%	2 270
Mining	0.1%	
Secondary		
Manufacturing	6.7%	
Electricity	0.3%	-2 200
Construction	8.1%	
Tertiary		
Trade	24.5%	
Transport	6.1%	-1 020
Finance	13.6%	
Community	33.4%	

Employment growth: 2014 - 2024



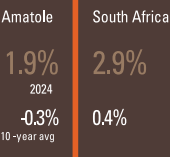
Unemployment



Informal employment 2024 - millions

	Employees	Informal	% informal
Amatole	0.18	0.04	23.9 %
National Total	17.23	3.29	19.1 %

Employment growth Annual % change





PRODUCTIVITY

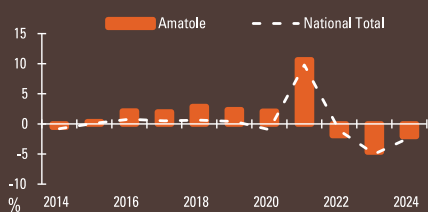
GDP per employee



Productivity growth annual % change

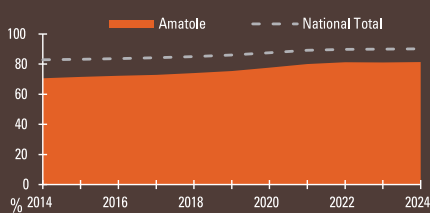
	2024	10 year avg.
Amatole	-2.1%	1.3%
National Total	-2.3%	0.2%

Productivity growth: 2014 -2024



DEVELOPMENT

Literacy rate: 2014 -2024



Human Development Index (HDI)

	2014	2024	Change
Amatole	0.54	0.63	0.09
National Total	0.65	0.70	0.049

People below upper poverty line





POPULATION

Total population: 2024

814,000

People

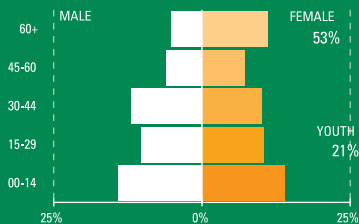
1.3%

of national population

Growth in population annual % change

	2024	10 year avg.
Amatole	0.6%	-0.1%
National Total	1.1%	1.2%

Population pyramid: 2024



Dominant share

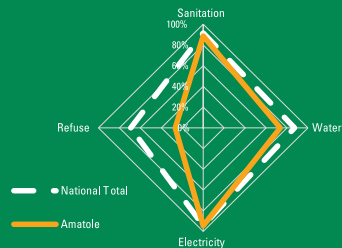
	Dominant	2014	2024
Language	IsiXhosa	95.7%	95.8%
Population Group	African	97.0%	96.6%

HOUSEHOLDS

Household backlog

	2014	2024
Sanitation	42.2%	18.8%
Water	47.9%	16.2%
Electricity	21.0%	5.5%
Refuse	81.8%	82.7%

Household services diamond



Index of services development

0.6

Amatole

0.77

South Africa

AMATOLE'S RANK AGAINST 52 REGIONS

SIZE INDICATORS 2024

South Africa	Amatole		Rank
1.22 m	21 100	Land Size Size of the region, square kilometer	#22
62.9 m	814 000	Population Total Population, all ages	#27
17.2 m	175 000	Employment Total employment, formal and informal	#32
7.35 tn	53.2 bn	GDP Current prices, Rands	#34

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2014-2024

South Africa	Amatole		
4.7%	7.0%	Household income growth Average annual % growth (Household income in current prices)	#4
-0.5%	1.1%	GDP per capita growth Average annual % growth (Constant prices)	#7
0.7%	1.0%	GDP growth Average annual % growth (Constant prices)	#19
0.4%	-0.3%	Employment growth Average annual % growth	#39
1.2%	-0.1%	Population growth Average annual % growth	#51

DEVELOPMENT INDICATORS 2024

South Africa	Amatole		
427 k	304 k	Productivity GDP per employee (Current prices)	#37
63.1%	77.1%	Poverty (inverse) Percentage of people living in poverty	#42
117 k	65.4 k	Standard of living GDP per capita (Current prices)	#42
90.2%	81.4%	Literacy rate Percentage of literate population	#45
32.6%	44.1%	Unemployment rate (inverse) Unemployment rate, official definition (%)	#46
44.7	66.4	Tress Index (inverse) Concentration or diversification level within a region	#46
0.774	0.596	Household services index Index value between 0 and 1, higher is better	#46
0.483	0.665	Dependency ratio (inverse) Ratio of persons 65+ and persons-04 to persons of working age (15-64)	#48

Source: South Africa Regional eXplorer v2686. Data compiled on 15 Dec 2025. © 2025 S&P Global.

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OUR VALUE PROPOSITION: A CASE FOR “WHY INVEST IN AMATHOLE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY?”

Close proximity to the port city of Buffalo City, the East London IDZ and Airport.

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It has diverse climatic and geological zones which enable the cultivation of different vegetable and fruit products.

Most of the local municipalities are along the N2 and N6 transport routes

The district municipality is located within a high agriculture potential resource region

The district has diverse tourism attractions which range from the scenic Indian Ocean's Wild Coast and Sunshine Coast to the inland mountains with several nature reserves spread across the local municipalities.

The District has a wealth of cultural and heritage sites including historic academic institutions, liberation heritage sites, historic battlefields, rock art sites and is home to a number of the provinces legends.

The district has natural resources, a sizeable coastline and a number of inland water bodies with good water quality which makes it well equipped for aquaculture development including inland fisheries.

Favourable climatic conditions present the district with a high potential for solar energy and wind energy generation

The district has large pieces of municipal and government owned land parcels available for greenfield and brownfield development of commercial, retail and residential property developments across its local municipalities.

The district has industrial properties owned by the municipality, state owned entities and government departments that can be utilised or repurposed into factories, manufacturing hubs and for use as business incubation centres across its local municipalities.

There are a number of industrial parks that require revitalisation in the district and this presents opportunities for property developers.

5. OUR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES INTO PRIORITY ECONOMIC SECTORS



5.1 Agriculture and Agro-Processing Sector



5.2 Tourism Sector



5.3 Ocean Economy Sector



5.4 Green Economy Sector



5.5 Manufacturing Sector



5.6 Property Development Sector



5.7 Public Investment in Enabling Economic Infrastructure



AMATHOLE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY'S FAMILY OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES PRIORITY SECTORS

LOCAL MUNICIPALITY	DETAILS
Mbhashe Local Municipality	Anchored around the economies of the towns of Dutywa, Gatyane and Xhora, it's Priority Economic Sectors with identified opportunities for Investment are: ▪ Agriculture and Agro-processing ▪ Tourism ▪ Ocean Economy ▪ Property Development ▪ Public Investment in Enabling Economic Infrastructure
Mnguma Local Municipality	Anchored around the economies of the towns of Butterworth and Centane, it's Priority Economic Sectors with identified opportunities for Investment are: ▪ Agriculture and Agro processing ▪ Tourism ▪ Green Economy ▪ Ocean Economy ▪ Property Development ▪ Manufacturing ▪ Public Investment in Enabling Economic Infrastructure
Great Kei Local Municipality	Anchored around the economy of the town of Komga it's Priority Economic Sectors with identified opportunities for Investment are: ▪ Agriculture and Agro-processing ▪ Tourism ▪ Green Economy ▪ Ocean Economy ▪ Property Development ▪ Public Investment in Enabling Economic Infrastructure

LOCAL MUNICIPALITY	DETAILS
Amahlathi Local Municipality	Anchored around the economy of the town of Stutterheim, it's Priority Economic Sectors with identified opportunities for Investment are: ▪ Agriculture and Agro-processing ▪ Tourism ▪ Green Economy ▪ Property Development ▪ Manufacturing ▪ Public Investment in Enabling Economic Infrastructure
Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality	Anchored around the economy of the town of kwaMaqoma, it's Priority Economic Sectors with identified opportunities for Investment are: ▪ Agriculture and Agro-processing ▪ Tourism ▪ Green Economy ▪ Property Development ▪ Public Investment in Enabling Economic Infrastructure
Ngqushwa Local Municipality	Anchored around the economy of the town of Peddie, it's Priority Economic Sectors with identified opportunities for Investment are: ▪ Agriculture and Agro-processing ▪ Tourism ▪ Green Economy ▪ Ocean Economy ▪ Property Development ▪ Public Investment in Enabling Economic Infrastructure



5.1 AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-PROCESSING

AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-PROCESSING SECTOR VALUE PROPOSITION: WHY INVEST IN THIS SECTOR?

The district municipality is located within a high agriculture potential resource region

The district is strategically located close to the East London Port and East London

There is high potential for sub-tropical fruit production along the coastal areas and deciduous and citrus fruit inland and towards the higher mountain areas.

It has diverse climatic and geological zones which enable the cultivation of different vegetable and fruit products.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-PROCESSING SECTOR VALUE CHAIN

Commodity	Municipality	Select Primary Production Opportunites	Select Agro-Processing Opportunites	Select Services to the Sector
Livestock Value Chain	Across the Amathole District	• Beef, Dairy Cattle and Sheep Primary Production • Fodder Production	• Skins, Hides, Wool and other By-Products processing • Supply of Mixed Animal Feed • Dairy Products Production • Slaughtering • Processed meat derivatives	• Technology Solutions • Packaging Innovation • Business and Technical Training and Incubation Services across all commodity groups • Livestock Handling Facilities • Post-Harvest Storage, Cold Storage and Produce Handling Facilities • Veterinary Medicine, Health and Extension Services • Mechanical Contractors, Transport and Logistics services
Vegetables		Crop Farming	• Bottling, Canning, Juice Extraction, Preserves, Drying, Chilling, Freezing and further processing	
Fruit		• Sub-tropical Fruit • Deciduous Fruit • Citrus Fruit	• Bottling, Canning, Juice Extraction, Preserves, Drying, Chilling, Freezing and further processing	
Grains and Oilseeds		• Maize • Beans • Sunflower • Sorghum	• Edible and Non-Edible Oil extraction • Grain Milling and further processing and packaging • Animal Feed Production	
High Value Crops		• Macadamia Nuts • Moringa • Lemongrass Essential Oils • Hawu Hawu Tea Plant • Aloe Plant	• Macadamia Nuts Processing • Essential Oils Extraction • Tea Plant Processing • Aloe processing into medicinal and cosmetics products	
Forestry and Timber Value Chain		• Re-afforestation and new afforestation for Pine and Eucalyptus species	• Sawmilling • Building Timber • Manufacturing of Engineered Wood • Furniture Design and Manufacturing • Manufacturing of School and Office Furniture • Biomass	
Hemp Value Chain		• Hemp Cultivation	• Building Hemp Products • Industrial Hemp products	

PROJECT FACTSHEETS

AGRI-PROCESSING HUB PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Agri-processing Hub
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Agro- processing
Project Description	Meat, wool, and crop processing facility
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Cathcart and Keiskammahoek location.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Rural Market Centre at Keiskammahoek
Project Ownership	Public Private partnerships
Project Funding and Source Received to date	Development of Rural Market Centre by Department of Agriculture and Amathole District Municipality assisted with equipment.
Infrastructure available	Keiskammahoek Rural Market Centre
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Building, Machinery, Equipment
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBC
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Capital for development of Agro-processing Hub
Rand value of required investment	R30 million
Incentives Available	none
Economic Impact	Value chain maximation, job creation and economic growth
Implementing Agent	Amahlathi Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr S. Mnweba : 043 683 5000 smnweba@amahlathi.gov.za

PINEAPPLE PROCESSING PLANT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Pineapple processing facility
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Agricultural Infrastructure
Project Description	Pineapple fruit processing. The conversion of the fruit into Pineapple Juice Concentrate and fruit pieces into canned fruit for local and international beverage producers.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Ngqushwa Local Municipality Public Private ownership
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Conceptualisation and Feasibility Study required
Project Ownership	Ngqushwa Local Municipality
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	R 6,5 million required.
Infrastructure available	There is no infrastructure available
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Electricity from Eskom, Waste management services from the local municipality. Water source.
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	To be confirmed once the infrastructure is available.
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment Partner
Rand value of required investment	R6,5 million
Incentives Available	Not applicable
Economic Impact	• Stimulation of economic activity • Local job creation • Opportunities for global markets
Implementing Agent	Ngqushwa LM Amathole DM
Project Promoter details	Ngqushwa Local Municipality Mr.V.Mbangi : 040 673 3095 vmbangi@ngqushwamun.gov.za

ANIMAL FEEDING PROCESSING PLANT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Animal Feeding Processing Plant
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Agro Processing
Project Description	Development of Animal Feed Processing Infrastructure
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Peddie
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Feasibility Study
Project Ownership	Public Private Ownership
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	None
Infrastructure available	Municipal Land available
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Water Sanitation Electricity
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBC
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment partners
Rand value of required investment	R 18 million
Incentives Available	TBC
Economic Impact	Stimulation of economic activity Local job creation
Implementing Agent	Ngqushwa LM
Project Promoter details	Ngqushwa Local Municipality Mr.V.Mbangi : 040 673 3095 vmbangi@ngqushwamun.gov.za

CITRUS AGRO-PROCESSING HUB PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Citrus Agro-Processing Hub
Project Sector	Agriculture & Agro-Processing
Project Sub-sector	Agro-processing
Project Description	Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality is the third-largest citrus-producing area in the Eastern Cape, producing approximately 41,000 tons of export-grade citrus annually. Despite this significant output, the majority of produce leaves the area in raw form, with value addition and processing occurring outside the municipality. This project proposes the construction of a dedicated Citrus Agro-Processing Hub in Fort Beaufort that will enable local sorting, grading, juicing, concentrate production, and packaging of citrus fruit. By anchoring value-addition locally, the hub will retain economic value within the municipality, stimulate backward linkages to smallholder farmers, and create sustainable employment across both skilled and semi-skilled categories. The project directly responds to the LED Strategy's pillar of 'Strengthening the Economy' and its goal of a thriving, sustainable agricultural sector that facilitates agribusiness growth
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Fort Beaufort, Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Pre-feasibility assessment completed as part of the LED Strategy development process. A full bankable feasibility study is required to confirm site selection, processing volumes, capital costs, and off-take agreements.
Project Ownership	The project is driven by Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality through its LED Department and the Raymond Mhlaba Economic Development Agency (RMEDA), in partnership with the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR), the Eastern Cape Development Corporation (ECDC), and DEDEAT. The municipality will play a facilitative and coordinating role, while a private sector agro-processing operator is the preferred lead investor.

Project Funding and Source Received to date	None
Infrastructure available	None
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Estimated R80–R120 million for construction, equipment, cold-storage infrastructure and working capital No formal funding application submitted. Pre-investment engagement with ECDC, Jobs Fund and DBSA is recommended.
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Creation of job opportunities, Skills Development, Poverty alleviation
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	construction, equipment, cold-storage infrastructure and working capital Jobs Fund (DPME), DBSA, IDC, ECDC, DRDAR, DEDEAT, National Empowerment Fund (NEF), AgriSETA, and private sector anchor investor equity.
Rand value of required investment	R 120 million
Incentives Available	TBC
Economic Impact	The citrus sector currently produces only 30% of its productive potential in the municipality. Value chain integration and local processing will directly address unemployment, raise farmer incomes, attract private capital, and diversify the economy away from its over-reliance on government sector output. Seasonal employment patterns in the citrus industry will be complemented by year-round processing jobs.
Implementing Agent	Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr L. Ndlazilwana : 071 401 1582 Indlazilwana@raymondmhlaba.gov.za

ALOE PROCESSING PLANT & MAZOYI BIOPROSPECTING INITIATIVE PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Aloe Processing Plant & Mazoyi Bioprospecting Initiative
Project Sector	Agriculture, Bio-Economy & Agro-Processing
Project Sub-sector	Bio-Economy/ Bioprospecting
Project Description	Raymond Mhlaba Municipality is located within a highly biodiverse ecological zone that supports the natural growth of aloe and a range of indigenous medicinal and aromatic plants. The LED Strategy explicitly identifies aloe processing and value chain development as a priority intervention under the agricultural sector. The Aloe Processing Plant project proposes the establishment of a dedicated processing facility for aloe gel, aloe-derived cosmetics, nutraceuticals, and health products. Complementing this is the Mazoyi Bioprospecting Initiative, which focuses on community-based bioprospecting, essential oils extraction, and the commercialisation of indigenous botanical knowledge through partnerships with Fort Hare University and research institutions. Together these initiatives position Raymond Mhlaba as a competitive player in the rapidly expanding global bio-economy, while ensuring that communities are the primary beneficiaries of the area's natural capital.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	eDikeni, Raymond Mhlaba Municipality
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	The LED Strategy has identified both projects as priority interventions. Feasibility studies for the aloe processing plant are required. The bioprospecting component will benefit from existing research conducted at Fort Hare University and the Fort Cox Agriculture and Forestry Training Institute
Project Ownership	Raymond Mhlaba Municipality
Project Funding and Source Received to date	None
Infrastructure available	None

Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	R60 000 000 DEFF, DRDAR, DBSA, Jobs Fund, ECDC, DEDEAT, South African Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), Technology Innovation Agency (TIA), and private sector cosmetics industry partners.
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Aloe Processing Plant: approximately 120–180 direct jobs in processing, quality control and logistics. Mazoyi Bioprospecting: an estimated 80–120 community-based jobs in harvesting, cultivation, and cooperatives. Combined indirect employment through SMME supply linkages estimated at 200+ additional livelihoods.
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Construction of an aloe processing plant and Mazoyi Bioprospecting. Aloe Processing Plant: estimated R25–R45 million. Mazoyi Bioprospecting: estimated R8–R15 million, primarily for community enterprise development, equipment, training, and research partnerships.
Rand value of required investment	R60 000 000
Incentives Available	TBC
Economic Impact	The global market for natural cosmetics and aloe-based health products is growing at over 8% per year. Raymond Mhlaba's climate and ecology provide a natural competitive advantage that remains largely untapped. Processing locally retains value that currently accrues to processors in other provinces and internationally. This project also directly advances the LED Strategy goal of building self-sustainable communities through use of local resources.
Implementing Agent	Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr L. Ndlazilwana : 071 401 1582 Indlazilwana@raymondmhlaba.gov.za

BULUNGULA LEMON GRASS & ESSENTIAL OIL

Project Name	Bulungula Lemon Grass & Essential Oil Project
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Agricultural Agro-processing
Project Description	The project dominantly focuses on value-addition through lemon grass, and it produces essential and clinical products which include bath soaps, fragrances, sanitizers, and bio-oil products.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Nqileni village, Xhora Mouth Administrative Area, Elliotdale Ward 19. The land is communal and owned by the cooperative that runs the project.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Feasibility Study and Business Plan developed. The project has started.
Project Ownership	Local Community - Primary Cooperative
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	Mbhashe Municipality
Infrastructure available	Building, mechanization and electricity
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Building Expansion, Processing Machinery, Road Maintenance
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Employment creation, poverty alleviation and skills development
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment & Managing Partner
Rand value of required investment	R4ml
Incentives Available	No incentives
Economic Impact	Job creation, Poverty Alleviation, Economic Growth
Implementing Agent	Mbhashe LM
Project Promoter details	S. Cobokana, Mr: 082 510 4982 cobokanas@mbhahsemun.gov.za

MACADEMIA NUT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Macademia Nut Project
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Agro-processing
Project Description	Project is dominantly focused on plantation and production of Macademia Nut which covers an area of around 300 hectares. The initiative is a community-private partnership model.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	At kuJingqi Location in Willowvale-Ward 22
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Feasibility Study and Business Plan developed. The project has started
Project Ownership	Community-owned Project
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	Department of Rural Development and Mbhashe Local Municipality (Seed Funding)
Infrastructure available	Buildings, Processing Machinery and Mechanization Plant
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Expansion of already existing infrastructure including machinery, plant and irrigation system.
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Creation of job opportunities, Skills Development, Poverty alleviation
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment and Managing Partner
Rand value of required investment	R10m
Incentives Available	No incentives
Economic Impact	Job creation, poverty alleviation, agro-tourism, economic growth
Implementing Agent	Mbhashe Local Municipality & Jingqi Community Trust
Project Promoter details	S. Cobokana, Mr: 082 510 4982 cobokanas@mbhashemun.gov.za

CHACHAZELA AND MANGWEVINI SORGHUM PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Chachazela & Mangwevini Sorghum
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Agriculture
Project Description	A community driven development project driven by two primary cooperatives – Chachazela and Mangwevini. The project focuses on sorghum production in an area that is around hundred (100) hectares.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Chachazela Location-Dutywa
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Feasibility study and Business Plan. The project has started.
Project Ownership	Co-operative
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	Mbhashe LM
Infrastructure available	There is infrastructure available
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Poor access road
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Financial Returns, Job Creation, Skills Development
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment and Managing Partner
Rand value of required investment	R5m
Incentives Available	No incentives
Economic Impact	Generates stable farmer income, creates jobs across the value chain and promotes industrial growth and reduces imports.
Implementing Agent	Mbhashe LM
Project Promoter details	S. Cobokana, Mr: 082 510 4982 cobokanas@mbhashemun.gov.za

MORINGA PLANT PRODUCTION PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Moringa Plant
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Agro-processing
Project Description	A community driven initiative which involves plantation and processing of Moringa Plant, in an area that covers eighty (80) hectares. There are also value-addition activities of Moringa Plant.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Bojini A/A Willowvale-Ward 23
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Business Plan developed. The project has started.
Project Ownership	Community Trust
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	Mbhashe LM
Infrastructure available	There is no adequate infrastructure available and mechanization for the operations of the project.
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Access road, building, mechanization, electrification and plant
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Financial Returns, Job creation, Poverty Alleviation and Economic Growth.
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment and Managing Partner
Rand value of required investment	R4m
Incentives Available	No incentives
Economic Impact	Economic growth, employment creation, poverty alleviation
Implementing Agent	Mbhashe LM
Project Promoter details	S. Cobokana, Mr: 082 510 4982 cobokanas@mbhashemun.gov.za

HAWU HAWU TEA PLANT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Hawu-Hawu Tea Plant
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Agricultural Infrastructure
Project Description	A community driven development initiative that is done in a collaborative partnership with University of Free State and community. This initiative involves planting and processing of Hawu – Hawu Plant. More importantly, Hawu -Hawu herbal plant is rich in antioxidants and various health benefits.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Fort Marlan- Willowvale-Ward 27
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Business Plan developed. The project has started and its on its initial phase.
Project Ownership	Community
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	University of Free State
Infrastructure available	Mechanization Plant, Building, Water and Electricity
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Mechanization and market linkages
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Financial Returns, Economic Growth, Job Creation, Poverty Alleviation
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment partner
Rand value of required investment	R5 million
Incentives Available	No incentives
Economic Impact	Stimulation of economic activity, Local job creation Opportunities for Global Markets
Implementing Agent	Mbhashe LM
Project Promoter details	S. Cobokana, Mr: 082 510 4982 cobokanas@mbhashemun.gov.za

MBHASHE WOOL PROCESSING PLANT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Mbhashe Wool Processing Plant
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Agro-processing
Project Description	Mbhashe Wool Processing Plant is a collaborative partnership between the Municipality, Communal Farmers and Otab Pty Ltd. The plant seeks to process and add value to sheep wool that is produced by communal farmers. The initiative is in its initial phase, and it requires capital injection for its take-off.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Sakhwe Park, Dutywa
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Business Plan developed. The project is on its initial phase
Project Ownership	Mbhashe Farmers Association
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	Mbhashe LM & Amathole DM via Aspire Development Agency
Infrastructure available	Building, Water (Borehole), wool sorting equipment
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Mechanization and processing machinery
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Financial returns, job creation, economic growth and poverty alleviation
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment and Managing Partner
Rand value of required investment	R5 million
Incentives Available	No incentives
Economic Impact	Stimulation of economic activity Local job creation Opportunities for global markets
Implementing Agent	Mbhashe LM
Project Promoter details	S. Cobokana, Mr: 082 510 4982 cobokanas@mbhashemun.gov.za



5.2 TOURISM SECTOR

TOURISM SECTOR VALUE PROPOSITION: WHY INVEST IN THIS SECTOR?

The district has diverse cultures with different crafts being produced

The district has diverse tourism attractions which range from the scenic Indian Ocean's Wild Coast and Sunshine Coast to the inland mountains with several nature reserves spread across the local municipalities.

In Summer the District is an outdoor paradise for water sports and various other adventure activities, and in winter the areas located on higher ground are blanketed in snow and become a winter wonderland

The District has a wealth of cultural and heritage sites including historic academic institutions, liberation heritage sites, historic battlefields, rock art sites and is home to a number of the provinces legends.

Dutywa has the endangered Cape Vulture breeding site.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE TOURISM SECTOR VALUE CHAIN

Sub-Sector	Municipality	Select Investment Opportunities	Select Services Opportunities to the Sector
Accommodation Infrastructure	Across the Amathole District Municipality	• Full-Service Hotels • Limited-Service Hotels, Guest Houses and B&Bs • Campsites and Caravan Parks • Self-Catering Facilities	• Film Location Services • Hospitality Industry Training and Incubation Services
Nature and Wildlife		• Eco-Tourism Facilities • Game Farms and Lodges • Hiking Trails Facilities • Nature Based Attractions	
Entertainment and Related Services		• Spa and Wellness Centres • Conferencing, Events and Festivals Facilities	
Adventure, Culture and Creative Economy		• Outdoor Activities Facilities • Arts and Culture Centres • Craft Outlets	
Food and Beverages		• Restaurants • Fast Food Outlets • Farmstalls and Home Industries	
Travel Distribution and Intermediaries		• Travel Agency • Tour Operators	

GCUWA DAM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Gcuwa Dam Development (Hospitality & entertainments park)
Project Sector	Tourism
Project Sub-sector	Hospitality
Project Description	Available (Built in area, Palisade fencing)
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Butterworth, Municipality
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Master Plan
Project Ownership	Municipality
Project Funding and Source Received to date	None
Infrastructure available	Available (Built in area, Palisade fencing)
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	R20 000 000
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	MSME beneficiation, poverty alleviation, employment opportunities
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Construction of conference hall, dining area and entertainment facilities,
Rand value of required investment	R20 000 000
Incentives Available	none
Economic Impact	Development and promotion of Tourism and Hospitality, Marketing Mmquma
Implementing Agent	Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr M. Dilika : 047 050 1185 mdilika@mnquma.gov.za

BUTTERWORTH COUNTRY CLUB DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Butterworth Country Club Development
Project Sector	Tourism
Project Sub-sector	Hospitality
Project Description	Construction of gym, hotel, conference facilities and Golf course
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Butterworth, Mnquma Local Municipality.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Mnquma Master plan
Project Ownership	Municipality
Project Funding and Source Received to date	Private
Infrastructure available	Golf course and buildings
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Building, Machinery, Equipment
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Creation of job opportunities, poverty alleviation, MSME beneficiation
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Mnquma
Rand value of required investment	R500 000 000
Incentives Available	Job opportunities, MSME beneficiation, Poverty alleviation
Economic Impact	Value chain maximation, job creation and economic growth
Implementing Agent	Mnquma Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr M. Dilika : 047 050 1185 mdilika@mnquma.gov.za

BAWA FALLS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Bawa falls Development
Project Sector	Tourism
Project Sub-sector	Cultural village
Project Description	Adventurers activities such as Zip lining, bungy jumping, cultural village that will preserve the image of the municipality
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Butterworth, Mnquma Local Municipality.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Mnquma Master plan
Project Ownership	Tribal authority
Project Funding and Source Received to date	
Infrastructure available	Vandalised infrastructure, falls
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Building, Machinery, Equipment
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBC
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Tribal authority
Rand value of required investment	R200 000 000
Incentives Available	Creation of job opportunities, MSME beneficiation, Poverty alleviation
Economic Impact	Value chain maximation, job creation and economic growth
Implementing Agent	Mnquma Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr M. Dilika : 047 050 1185 mdilika@mnquma.gov.za

UPGRADING AND DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE SITES/ ASSETS PROJECT FACTSHEETS

Project Name	Upgrading and development of memorial/ recreational/ heritage sites/ museums
Project Sector	Tourism and Heritage Development
Project Sub-sector	Tourism and Heritage Development
Project Description	Facilitate upgrading and development of memorial/ recreational/ heritage sites/ museums
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Stutterheim, Kieskammahoek, Cathcart Land ownership – Tribal authorities and communities
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Business Plan has been developed for rehabilitation of Chief Jongumsobomvu Maqoma Heritage site
Project Ownership	Public Private Partnerships
Project Funding and Source Received to date	Service provider has been appointed by Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency for the development of business plan for rehabilitation of Chief Jongumsobomvu Maqoma Heritage site
Infrastructure available	Heritages sites, museums, Visitor Information Centres, memorial sites
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Funding for the rehabilitation of Chief Jongumsobomvu Maqoma Heritage site
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBC
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Concept documents, business plan, feasibility studies and capital to facilitate upgrading and development of memorial/ recreational/ heritage sites/ museums
Rand value of required investment	R250 000 000 00 for the project
Incentives Available	none
Economic Impact	Promotion of Tourism and Heritage development, and marketing for sustainable economic growth.
Implementing Agent	Amajlathi Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr S. Mnweba : 043 683 5000 smnweba@amahlathi.gov.za

UMQHWASHU CULTURAL VILLAGE PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	uMqhwashini Cultural Village
Project Sector	Tourism
Project Sub-sector	Tourism Infrastructure
Project Description	Development of a cultural Village situated next to the National Heritage site.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	uMqhwashini Village
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Feasibility Study
Project Ownership	Municipality
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	None
Infrastructure available	Access Road Heritage site
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Proper constructed roads from department of transport. Electricity from Eskom, Waste management services from the local municipality. Water source.
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBC
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment Partners
Rand value of required investment	R 5 000 000.00
Incentives Available	TBC
Economic Impact	Stimulation of economic activity Local job creation
Implementing Agent	DSRAC ECPTA
Project Promoter details	Ngqushwa Local Municipality Mr.V.Mbangi : 040 673 3095 vmbangi@ngqushwamun.gov.za

HAMBURG BEACH FRONT UPGRADE PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Beach front Upgrade
Project Sector	Tourism
Project Sub-sector	Tourism Infrastructure
Project Description	Upgrade of the Hamburg Beach front
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Hamburg Beach
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Conceptualisation
Project Ownership	Municipality
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	None
Infrastructure available	Ablution Facility Changing rooms and Showers Braai facility
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Proper constructed roads from department of transport. Electrification constructed under Small Town Revitalisation Internal Roads constructed under Small Town Revitalisation Waste management services from the Local municipality.
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBC
Important project requirements from potential Investor	Investment Partners (Developers)
Rand value of required investment	R 10 million
Incentives Available	TBC
Economic Impact	Tourism attraction Stimulation of economic activity Local job creation Opportunities for global markets
Implementing Agent	Municipality
Project Promoter details	Ngqushwa Local Municipality Mr.V.Mbangi : 040 673 3095 vmbangi@ngqushwamun.gov.za

QATYWA ECO-TOURISM CHALETS PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Qatywa Eco-Tourism Chalets
Project Sector	Tourism
Project Sub-sector	Eco-tourism / Nature Tourism
Project Description	A tourism accommodation establishment with conference facility strategically located in the heart of Qatywa Estuary and the exhilarating Indian Ocean. The project was funded by National Department of Tourism, and it's owned by Qatywa Community Development Trust. A private partner with wealth of tourism and hospitality experience is needed to manage and run the establishment.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Qatywa Beach-Elliotdale
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Construction is seating at 95% completion. The project needs of a well-experienced private operator who will enter into public-private partnership (PPP) with Qatywa Community Trust.
Project Ownership	Qatywa Community Trust
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	National Department of Tourism (NDT)
Infrastructure available	Built structure – conference facility + sleeping chalets
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Road and water infrastructure.
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	R8 million
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Managing Partner/Private Operator
Rand value of required investment	R32m
Incentives Available	No incentives
Economic Impact	Stimulation of economic activity Local job creation Future developments
Implementing Agent	DBSA & Mbhashe M
Project Promoter details	S. Cobokana, Mr: 082 510 4982 cobokanas@mbhashemun.gov.za

NCAZA GAME FARM TRANSFORMATION PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Ncaza Game Farm Transformation
Project Sector	Tourism, Conservation & Agri-Tourism
Project Sub-sector	Conservation & Agri-Tourism
Project Description	Raymond Mhlaba Municipality is home to the Double Drift and Mpofu Game Reserves and is situated within a wider landscape of significant wildlife and biodiversity value. The Ncaza Game Farm Transformation project proposes the conversion and development of targeted agricultural land into a community-benefiting game farm, incorporating wildlife economy activities such as game breeding, photographic safaris, hunting, and eco-lodges. The project aligns directly with the LED Strategy's pillar of tourism diversification, its goal of becoming a preferred Eastern Cape tourism destination, and its objective of promoting hunting and game farming as priority sub-sectors. The initiative also responds to the national Wildlife Economy Strategy and the Eastern Cape government's drive to expand the wildlife economy into previously disadvantaged communities.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Ncaza, Seymour, Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	An Environmental Impact Assessment was done approved for game introduction, fencing, lodge construction and water infrastructure. A business plan was developed by the Municipality and Dedeat however, it needs to be reviewed.
Project Ownership	Raymond Mhlaba LED department, RMEDA, DEFF, ECPTA, DEDEAT. Communal Property Association representing affected communities are envisaged as co-owners or primary beneficiaries. A private sector wildlife operator is required as a strategic partner.
Project Funding and Source Received to date	R20 million from DFFE
Infrastructure available	Availability of land

Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Estimated R30–R70 million depending on scale, land acquisition, game stock, lodge construction and infrastructure. Phased investment is feasible.
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Estimated 80–150 direct permanent jobs in game management, hospitality, guiding, lodge operations, and conservation activities. During construction and development, approximately 100 temporary jobs are expected. Indirect employment through supply chains (food, crafts, transport, fencing) estimated at an additional 100–200 livelihoods.
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Fencing Infrastructure, construction of administration block and chalets for hunters/ visitors, game stock etc.
Rand value of required investment	R70 000 000
Incentives Available	none
Economic Impact	The wildlife economy offers one of the highest job-creation-to-investment ratios in land-based sectors. Game farming generates substantially higher revenue per hectare than conventional dryland farming under the climate conditions prevailing in the Raymond Mhlaba area. This transformation also contributes to biodiversity conservation, carbon sequestration, and landscape rehabilitation, aligning with green economy priorities.
Implementing Agent	Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr L. Ndlazilwana : 071 401 1582 Indlazilwana@raymondmhlaba.gov.za



5.3 OCEAN ECONOMY SECTOR

OCEAN ECONOMY SECTOR VALUE PROPOSITION: WHY INVEST IN THIS SECTOR?

There is a rising global demand for fish which can be met by aquaculture production

As a high protein alternative to endangered natural fish resources, aquaculture provides an attractive and sustainable alternative to local consumers.

The district has natural resources, a sizeable coastline and a number of inland water bodies with good water quality which makes it well equipped for aquaculture development including inland fisheries.

SELECT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE OCEAN ECONOMY SECTOR VALUE CHAIN

SUB-SECTOR	MUNICIPALITY	SELECT PRIMARY PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OPPORTUNITIES	SELECT SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES TO THE SECTOR
Small Harbours	Peddie Local Municipality	• Open Sea Commercial Fishing • Seafood Processing	• Technology Solutions • Business and Technical Training and Incubation Services across the sector • Post-Harvest Storage, Cold Storage and Produce Handling Facilities • Fish and Seafood processing facilities • Transport and Logistics services • Boat and Fishing Equipment Repair Services
Small-Scale Fisheries: Marine Aquaculture	Peddie, Mbashe, Mquma Local Municipality	• Fish Farming (freshwater and seawater farming) • Small-Scale Fishing • Fish Products Processing and Packaging • Fish food Processing • Fish and Seafood Retailing • Seafood Food Outlets	
Small-Scale Fisheries: Freshwater Aquaculture	Across the Amathole District Municipality	• Fish Farming (freshwater species farming) • Small-Scale Fishing • Fish Products Processing and Packaging • Fish food Processing • Fish and Seafood Retailing • Seafood Food Outlets	

NGQUSHWA AQUACULTURE PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Aquaculture
Project Sector	Oceans Economy
Project Sub-sector	Fisheries/ Aquaculture
Project Description	The controlled breeding of fish to meet food demand, improve livelihoods, and reduce pressure on wild fisheries.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Hamburg
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Business Plan
Project Ownership	Private ownership
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	R12 million from DFFE
Infrastructure available	Water tanks and Structure
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Expansion and Operational funding
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	
Important project requirements from potential Investor.	Operational plan, commercial market agreement.
Rand value of required investment	R 5million
Incentives Available	
Economic Impact	Stimulation of economic activity Local job creation Opportunities for global markets
Implementing Agent	DFFE
Project Promoter details	Ngqushwa Local Municipality Mr.V.Mbangi : 040 673 3095 vmbangi@ngqushwamun.gov.za

SMALL SCALE FISHING DEVELOPMENT AND MARINE TOURISM TRANSPORT VENTURE PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Small Scale Fishing Development and Marine Tourism Transport Venture
Project Sector	Ocean Economy
Project Sub-sector	Marine Aquaculture and Marine Tourism
Project Description	Development of Marine Tourism and Marine Aquaculture enterprises around the Kei River Mouth in Centane. The area includes where the Kei River enters the Indian Ocean. There are a number of small popular coastal hotels in the area. There is an existing river ferry connecting the area with the town of Kei Mouth, across the Kei River.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Centane, Mnquma Local Municipality.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Mnquma Master plan
Project Ownership	Tribal authority
Project Funding and Source Received to date	None
Infrastructure available	Ferry docking station
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Access Road to Kei River Mouth, Boat Slipway, Fishing Boats, Ferry, Fisheries Processing Plant, Cold Storage Facilities, Machinery, Equipment
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBC
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment Partner, Managing Partner
Rand value of required investment	R500 000 000
Incentives Available	
Economic Impact	Value chain maximation, job creation and economic growth
Implementing Agent	Mnquma Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr M. Dilika : 047 050 1185 mdilika@mnquma.gov.za

MARINE TALAPI AQUACULTURE PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Marine Talapia Aquaculture
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Agro-processing
Project Description	A huge multifaceted oceans economy project that dominantly focused on fish-farming and processing of Talapia fish. More importantly, the project aims to develop a value chain for an industry that aims to grow to 100 000t of marine-cultivated tilapia.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Elalini & Dimbeni Location-Willowvale
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Feasibility Study and Business Plan developed. The project has not started due to financing challenges.
Project Ownership	Community
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	ECRDA
Infrastructure available	No available built infrastructure yet. The project is on the planning stage.
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Road network, electrification, building and mechanization and processing machinery.
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Financial returns, job creation, poverty alleviation and economic growth
Important project requirements from potential Investor (are you looking for an investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment and Managing Partner
Rand value of required investment	R100ml
Incentives Available	No incentives
Economic Impact	Stimulation of economic activity Local job creation Opportunities for global markets
Implementing Agent	Eastern Cape Rural Development Agency (ECRDA)
Project Promoter details	S. Cobokana, Mr: 082 510 4982 cobokanas@mbhashemun.gov.za



5.4 GREEN ECONOMY SECTOR

GREEN ECONOMY SECTOR VALUE PROPOSITION: WHY INVEST IN THIS SECTOR?

Favourable climatic conditions present the district with a high potential for solar energy and wind energy generation

There is a robust market growth for green energy services in SA.

Renewable energy technologies hold vast potential to fill the rising electricity supply gap caused by slow investments in traditional electricity generation

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE GREEN ECONOMY SECTOR VALUE CHAIN

SUB-SECTOR	MUNICIPALITY	SELECT PRIMARY PRODUCTION OPPORTUNITIES	SELECT SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES TO THE SECTOR
Solar Energy	Amathole District Municipality (Great Kei, Mbhashe, Mquma, Peddie, Amahlathi, Raymond Mhlaba Municipalities)	• Establishment of Solar Energy Generation Farms • Roll-out of Solar Renewable Energy Technologies and Components Manufacturing (solar panels, water geysers etc) • Battery Storage Plants	• Technology Solutions • Business and Technical Training and Incubation Services for the sector • Repair Services for the sector
Wind Energy		• Establishment of Wind Energy Generation Farms • Wind Turbines and components Manufacturing • Battery Storage Plants	

MINI-GRID ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Mini-Grid Electrification Programme
Project Sector	Green Economy & Renewable Energy tourism
Project Sub-sector	Renewable energy
Project Description	A significant proportion of Raymond Mhlaba Municipality's population resides in rural villages and farms that are not connected to the national electricity grid or face chronic unreliable supply. Poor electricity access is one of the primary constraints on household economic activity, SMME development, and quality of life in the municipality. The Mini-Grid Programme proposes the development of modular off-grid and hybrid solar-plus-storage mini-grids at targeted rural settlements and economic nodes across the municipality. These systems will provide reliable, affordable electricity to households, schools, clinics, agricultural operations, and small businesses. The programme aligns with the LED Strategy's infrastructure development goal and supports the green economy diversification objective.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Adelaide- Bedford, Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	A programme business plan covering community energy enterprise models, tariff structures, O&M arrangements, and technology specifications is required for each site prior to deployment
Project Ownership	Municipality
Project Funding and Source Received to date	None
Infrastructure available	None
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Estimated R2 - R8 million per mini-grid installation depending on community size, technology configuration and infrastructure requirements. Full programme estimated at R30 - R80 million.

Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Construction phase: approximately 80–120 jobs per site (electricians, civil works, project management). Operations and Maintenance (O&M) phase: 3–8 permanent local jobs per mini-grid. Facilitated economic activity (cold storage, productive use appliances, SMME operations enabled by electricity): potential for 200–400 additional indirect livelihoods across the programme.
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Pilot phase: 3–5 mini-grids serving communities of 200–800 households each. Full programme: 10–15 mini-grid installations across the municipality over a 5-year period.
Rand value of required investment	R80 000 000
Incentives Available	Job opportunities, MSME beneficiation, Poverty alleviation
Economic Impact	Electricity access directly enables economic activity, improved health outcomes (clinic refrigeration), better education (lighting and connectivity), and SMME productivity. The municipality's high poverty rate and dispersed rural population make centralised grid extension economically suboptimal, making mini-grids the most cost-effective solution. Energy access also underpins the viability of other LED priority projects such as agro-processing, tourism and accommodation.
Implementing Agent	Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr L. Ndlazilwana : 071 401 1582 Indlazilwana@raymondmhlaba.gov.za

WIND ENERGY FARM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	GREAT KEI WIND ENERGY FACILITY
Project Sector	Green Economy
Project Sub-sector	Wind Energy Generation
Project Description	Extension of existing WEF, to include 26 turbine footprints (3.15 ha per footprint Operation & Maintenance Facilities (0.2 ha), IPP Substation (0.2 ha), new Eskom Substation (0.35 ha), existing Eskom Substation (0.7 ha), Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (4 ha), Construction Compound, Laydown Area & Buffer Yard (7 ha) and Met Mast (2 ha)
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Privately owned farms located East and West of the N2, along R63 Komga / Bisho up to the of junction of MN10125 to Ngwenkala Game Lodge and Safaris: • Portion 3 of Farm 56 • Remainder portion 2 of Farm 56 • Remainder Farm 56 • Farm No. 194 • Portion 1 of Farm No. 195 • Farm No. 196 • Farm No. 197 • Farm No. 198 • Farm No. 199 • Farm No. 202 • Remainder of Farm No. 203 • Remainder of Portion 1 of Farm No. 203 • Farm No. 481 • Remainder of Farm No. 195 • Portion 2 of Farm No. 203 • Portion 2 of Farm 164 • Portion 1 of Farm 163 • Remainder Farm 163 • Portion 2 of Farm 162 • Remainder portion 1 of Farm 162 • Portion 3 of Farm 162

Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	Application has received MPT approval (EIA, Feasibility study concluded and submitted) and is busy with NERSA approval.
Project Ownership	Private ownership - Chaba Wind Power (RF) (Pty) Ltd
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	EDF power solutions, Industrial Development Corporation and Chaba Winds of Change BBBEE Co
Infrastructure available	7 x Vestas V112 – 3.0 MW turbines
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Access roads to sites, value TBA
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Currently, under the Grassroots Youth Development (GYD) Programme, the Chaba Wind Farm contributes up to 2.1 % of its revenue towards Socio-Economic and Enterprise Development initiatives that are located within a 50 km radius of the wind facility.
Important project requirements from potential Investor.	Investment Partner
Rand value of required investment	TBA
Incentives Available	TBA by Eskom and Dept of Electricity and Energy (DEE)
Economic Impact	Stimulation of economic activity Local job creation Opportunities for global markets
Implementing Agent	Vestas Southern Africa
Project Promoter details	Great Kei Local Municipality



5.4 PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR VALUE PROPOSITION: WHY INVEST IN THIS SECTOR?

The district has large pieces of municipal and government owned land parcels available for greenfield and brownfield development of commercial, retail and residential property developments across its local municipalities.

The growing population which needs to be housed across the district presents opportunities for property developers

Retail businesses from major cities are looking to establish outlets in rural towns across the district.

SELECT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT SECTOR VALUE CHAIN

SUB-SECTOR	MUNICIPALITY	SELECT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITES	SELECT SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES TO THE SECTOR
Commercial Property Development	Across the Amathole District Municipality	• Shopping Centres • Manufacturing Hubs	• Design and Construction services • New Sustainable Building Technology Innovations • Business and Technical Training and Incubation Services across the sector • Mechanical Contractors, Transport and Logistics services
Residential Property Development		• Residential Estates • Student Accomodation	
Public Property Development		• Industrial Parks • Agri-Parks • Incubator Centres	

STUDENT AND STAFF ACCOMMODATION PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Student and Staff Accommodation
Project Sector	Property Development & Social Infrastructure
Project Sub-sector	
Project Description	Fort Hare University in Alice is one of South Africa's most historically significant universities, with an enrolment of over 14,000 students and a substantial academic and administrative staff complement. Despite this, Alice suffers from a chronic shortage of quality, affordable purpose-built student and staff accommodation, forcing students into overcrowded informal housing and limiting the university's ability to attract and retain academic talent. The LED Strategy explicitly identifies the construction of student and staff accommodation in Alice as a priority infrastructure intervention. This project proposes the development of a mixed-use residential complex providing student dormitory units, affordable staff apartments, and ancillary retail and amenity space, developed under a public-private partnership model with Fort Hare University as anchor tenant.
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	eDikeni, Raymond Mhlaba Local Municipality.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Land is available adjacent to the Fort Hare campus. A full development feasibility study covering site layout, unit mix, rental pricing, demand projection and financial modelling is required.
Project Ownership	Municipality
Project Funding and Source Received to date	None
Infrastructure available	None
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Bulk infrastructure. Estimated R150 million for Phase 1 depending on unit mix, specification and site conditions.

Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Construction phase: approximately 200–350 jobs. Operations phase: 30–60 permanent jobs in facility management, security, cleaning, catering and maintenance. Indirect economic multiplier through resident spending in Alice town centre: estimated R15–R25 million additional annual turnover for local businesses.
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Initial phase: 500–1,000 student beds and 50–100 staff units. Second phase expansion subject to occupancy performance and demand growth.
Rand value of required investment	R150 000 000
Incentives Available	TBA
Economic Impact	The student accommodation deficit in Alice creates poor living conditions, inhibits academic performance, and suppresses economic activity in the town centre. Purpose-built accommodation would improve student outcomes, stimulate retail and service sector activity in Alice, attract private investment into the town, and support the LED Strategy's small-town regeneration objectives. The project is one of the few property development opportunities with a clear, institutional anchor tenant providing revenue certainty.
Implementing Agent	Raymond Mhlaba Economic Development Agency
Project Promoter details	Mr L. Ndlezilwana : 071 401 1582 lndlezilwana@raymondmhlaba.gov.za

MONUMENT PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Monument Development
Project Sector	Tourism & Retail
Project Sub-sector	Transport and Hospitality
Project Description	One stop shop for long distance buses e.g. Intercap, Greyhound etc and small retail shops and restaurants
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Butterworth, Mnquma Local Municipality.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Mnquma Master plan
Project Ownership	Municipality
Project Funding and Source Received to date	None
Infrastructure available	Monument
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Building, Machinery, Equipment
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBC
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment Partner
Rand value of required investment	R200 000 000
Incentives Available	TBA
Economic Impact	Value chain maximization, job creation and economic growth
Implementing Agent	Mnquma Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr M. Dilika : 047 050 1185 mdilika@mnquma.gov.za

QUMRHA MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Qumrha Mixed Use Development
Project Sector	Property Development
Project Sub-sector	Commercial Property
Project Description	Retail development with
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Qumrha erf, Great Kei Local Municipality along R63.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Planning phase and feasibility study
Project Ownership	Great Kei Municipality
Project Funding and Source Received to date	None
Infrastructure available	Access Road, Bulk Water, Electricity
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Upgrade of existing bulk infrastructure
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBA
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Investment Partner
Rand value of required investment	TBA
Incentives Available	TBA
Economic Impact	Value chain maximisation, job creation and economic growth, SMME beneficiation
Implementing Agent	DAKU Group
Project Promoter details	Ms Thabisile Matubatuba: 078 327 8496 TMatubatuba@greatkeilm.gov.za



5.6 MANUFACTURING SECTOR

MANUFACTURING SECTOR VALUE PROPOSITION: WHY INVEST IN THIS SECTOR?

The district has industrial properties owned by the municipality, state owned entities and government departments that can be utilised or repurposed into factories, manufacturing hubs and for use as business incubation centres across its local municipalities.

There are a number of industrial parks that require revitalisation in the district and this presents opportunities for property developers.

Manufacturers from major cities can be attracted to establish in the district due to its geographic location between Johannesburg and the port cities of East London and Gqeberha.

There is an opportunity to establish light manufacturing industries for various components which can be supplied to assembly plants.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AGRICULTURE AND AGRO-PROCESSING SECTOR VALUE CHAIN

SUB-SECTOR	MUNICIPALITY	SELECT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES	SELECT SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES TO THE SECTOR
Factory Property Development	Across the Amathole District Municipality	• Manufacturing Hubs • Factories • Light Industries • Component Manufacturers • Industrial Parks	• Design and Construction services • New Processing Plants • Business and Technical Training and Incubation Services across the sector • Transport and Logistics services
Business Incubation		• Incubator Centres • Shared Workspaces	

STUTTERHEIM FURNITURE INCUBATION CENTRE PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Stutterheim Furniture Incubation Centre
Project Sector	Forestry
Project Sub-sector	Furniture Manufacturing
Project Description	Establishment of Stutterheim Furniture Incubation Centre
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Project location is Stutterheim town and the municipality identified a municipal building that would be suitable for the project.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Feasibility study in place
Project Ownership	Public Private Partnership
Project Funding and Source Received to date	Feasibility study funding from ECDC
Infrastructure available	Building
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Machinery and Equipment
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBC
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Capital for machinery and equipment from ECDC, DEDEAT, DSBD etc. Accreditation & compliance issues with assistance from Department of Labour/ Productivity SA. Sector support on Licensing approval for afforestation and technical advice on forestry related matters from DFFE. Assistance with registration of the company and advise the incubator team from Industries Education and Training Institute. Training assistance in the form of accreditation and quality assurance of skills programme and learnership from SETA'S.
Rand value of required investment	R 6 million
Incentives Available	none
Economic Impact	To create value maximation on natural resource which is forestry while creating job opportunities and skills transfer.
Implementing Agent	Amahlathi Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr S. Mnweba : 043 683 5000 smnweba@amahlathi.gov.za

REHABILITATION OF BUTTERWORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Rehabilitation of Butterworth industrial park
Project Sector	Manufacturing & light industrial
Project Sub-sector	Furniture Manufacturing
Project Description	Revitalise the existing infrastructure
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Project is located in all Butterworth Industries and the Land owner is ECDC.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Master Plan and Business Plan developed
Project Ownership	Mnquma and ECDC
Project Funding and Source Received to date	Feasibility study funding from ECDC
Infrastructure available	Building, access road
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Building renovations, Machinery and Equipment , road maintenance
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Creation of job opportunities, Skills Development, Poverty alleviation
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	ECDC, Provincial industrial park steering committee, Dept of Public Works, Municipality
Rand value of required investment	R 100 million
Incentives Available	none
Economic Impact	Job opportunities and skills transfer, poverty alleviation, create an enabling environment
Implementing Agent	Mnquma Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr M. Dilika : 047 050 1185 mdilika@mnquma.gov.za

WOOD PROCESSING FACTORY PROJECT FACTSHEET

Project Name	Wood processing factory
Project Sector	Agriculture
Project Sub-sector	Forestry
Project Description	Manufacturing of furniture, paper and toilet papers
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Butterworth, Mnquma Local Municipality.
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan)	Mnquma Master plan
Project Ownership	Tribal authority
Project Funding and Source Received to date	None
Infrastructure available	Indigenous and commercial forests
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Building, Machinery, Equipment
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	TBC
Important project requirements from potential Investor (investment partner/ equity partner/ managing partner)	Tribal authority
Rand value of required investment	R50 000 000
Incentives Available	Creation of job opportunities, MSME beneficiation, Poverty alleviation
Economic Impact	Value chain maximisation, job creation and economic growth
Implementing Agent	Mnquma Local Municipality
Project Promoter details	Mr M. Dilika : 047 050 1185 mdilika@mnquma.gov.za



5.7 PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN ENABLING ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE

The public sector's role is to create a conducive environment for trade and investment to take place in municipalities. This includes the government's investment in social and economic infrastructure such as roads, water, sanitation, electricity, ICT, factories, industrial parks, commercial and trading facilities. The District Municipality, together with its local municipalities, has identified several infrastructure investment opportunities for government to invest in, which will improve the competitiveness of the municipality as an attractive investment destination. This, reduces business costs, increases investor confidence, stimulates private-sector entry, expands local markets, and drives industrial diversification and inclusive economic growth into the municipalities.

UPGRADING OF R345 ROAD CONNECTING NGQUSHWA AND RAYMOND MHLABA

Project Name	Upgrading of R345 from Peddie Town
Project Sector	PUBLIC ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE
Project Sub-sector	Roads
Project Description	Surfacing of R345 road from Peddie Town via Baltein citrus to Alice
Project Location and Land Ownership Status	Peddie / Ngqushwa
Project Status to date (eia, feasibility study, business plan, started)	None
Project Ownership	EC Dept of Transport / NLM
Project Funding and Source Received to date?	R0
Infrastructure available	Existing gravel road
Public Infrastructure investment required (what, from who and Rand value)	Funding for road upgrade (surfacing) from Transport and National Treasury's Budget Facility Infrastructure Funding (BFI)
Project Return on Investment (ROI)	Economic activities between the two towns
Important project requirements from potential Investor.	Investment partner
Rand value of required investment	R 150 million
Incentives Available	TBC
Economic Impact	Stimulation of economic activity Local job creation
Implementing Agent	EC Dept of Transport and Ngqushwa LM
Project Promoter details	Ngqushwa Local Municipality Mr.V.Mbangi : 0406733095 vmbangi@ngqushwamun.gov.za





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