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**South Africa  
and  
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF**  
**SOUTH AFRICA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF**  
**MAURITIUS**

**ON**

**ECONOMIC COOPERATION**

## **PREAMBLE**

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius, (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

**BASED** on regular meetings and high level consultations between the Heads of State and bilateral meetings between the Ministers of Trade and Industry of both countries;

**DESIRING** to further strengthen and deepen the friendly relations, which prevail between the Republic of Mauritius (hereinafter referred to as "Mauritius") and the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter referred to as "RSA");

**COGNISANT** of the significant economic challenges and opportunities arising from and consequential to relations between the two countries within the broad framework of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) taking into account the emerging new global order;

**DETERMINED** to find new approaches and strategies of consolidating, expanding and deepening areas of economic development, industrial and trade co-operation between Mauritius and the RSA, with specific focus on economic empowerment which shall be firmly guided by the principles of national sovereignty, opportunities to implement world class projects, and of win-win outcomes;

**WISHING** to vigorously promote investments, industry and trade co-operation between Mauritius and the RSA on equitable terms by setting tasks to be performed and obligations to be met by each Party in order to facilitate an increased flow of investments and the enhancement of trade and industry co-operation including institutional co-operation as generally and specifically set hereinafter;

**HEREBY AGREE** as follows:

**ARTICLE 1**  
**COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

The Competent Authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as this “MOU”) shall be –

- (a) in the case of Mauritius, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade (hereinafter referred to as the "MFARIIT"); and
- (b) in the case of the RSA, the Department of Trade and Industry (hereinafter referred to as the "DTI").

**ARTICLE 2**  
**INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION**

- (1) The DTI, using experiences gained in the implementation of Spatial Development Initiatives (SDIs), will cooperate with relevant public and private institutions within the RSA in assisting the MFARIIT with scoping and designing programmes for designated development projects in Mauritius.
- (2) The scope of co-operation between the MFARIIT and the DTI with respect to the defined projects within Mauritius shall include identifying technically competent organisations which are capable of drawing up development oriented industrial projects and sensitising organisations in the RSA that have the financial and technical capacity to implement those projects in partnership with their Mauritius counterparts.
- (3) With a view to generally promote industrial co-operation, it is agreed that the DTI shall sensitise potential investors who are residents of the RSA that are willing and capable of establishing, completing and/or rehabilitating projects in the following sectors-

- (a) Energy;
  - (b) mining;
  - (c) transport and communications infrastructure;
  - (d) agro-processing;
  - (e) tourism;
  - (f) commercial farming;
  - (g) processing of natural resources;
  - (h) financial services;
  - (i) information and communications technology;
  - (j) marine and seafood;
  - (k) knowledge and health;
  - (l) fashion and textile; and
  - (m) manufacturing.
- (4) The MFARIIT shall continue to identify other emerging industrial enterprises, projects and project ideas that could be of interest to investors in the RSA and shall make available to the DTI all relevant general and detailed information for use in promoting those enterprises, projects and project ideas in the RSA.
- (5) The MFARIIT and the DTI shall encourage Private Sector Operators to explore investment opportunities in third countries through joint ventures.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **TRADE CO-OPERATION**

- (1) The MFARIIT and the DTI shall intensify efforts to promote trade between the two countries, with a view to expanding the volume of trade and reducing the trade imbalance, which is currently in favour of the RSA.