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IN ATTENDANCE: President Jacob Zuma, right, and ministers at the launch of Operation Phakisa in Port Elizabeth in 2014. Picture: GCIS

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By LUVUYO MEHLWANA

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Jordaan was speaking during President Zuma's visit to Port Elizabeth.

The visit was aimed at monitoring the progress made since the launch of Operation Phakisa in 2014.

The operation aims to address poverty and unemployment.

The event was attended by ministers, MECs, mayors and heads of state-owned enterprises.

Jordaan said: "We can build houses and host big events, but people still need jobs.

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President Zuma said: "The operation, which was launched two years ago, has to date seen 17 billion worth of investment in the ocean's economy and created 4500 jobs.

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Iphulo le-Operation Phakisa lithembisa imisebenzi kuluntu laseBhayi

JOHNNIE ISAAC

NGAMAKHULUKHULU babalandeli beANC ebebephulaphule intetho kamongameli weli uJacob Zuma ngethuba esungula iphulo uOperation Phakisa kunxweme laseBhayi.

UZuma ebephelekwengusodolophu womasipala ombaxa iNelson Mandela Bay uDanny Jordaan, inkulumbuso yeMpuma Koloni uPhumulo Masualle, umphathiswa memcimbi yezenlalo uEdna Molewa, umphathiswa wamaqumrhu karhulumente uLynne Brown kwakunye namanye amalungu ekhabinethi, kurhulumente kazwelonke noweMpuma Koloni.

Kweli phulo, uZuma ubike ukuba yi17 yeebhiliyoni zeezrandi etyalwe kweli phulo eselidale

amathuma emisebenzi abalelwa ku-4 500. UZuma udize ukuba yi350 yezigidi esele ibekelwe bucala kumalungiselelo okwakhiwa kwezibuko leenqanawe eKapa naseThekwini.

"Kweli phulo sesidale imisebenzi efikelela ku355," utshilo uZuma. Uqhube wathi, "Apho urhulumente athe wanegenelelo, nokuba kungesithuba somgaonkqubo okanye ngokukuquzelela izigunyaziso, ukunika inxweme okanye ngokwenza igalelo, utyhila utyalo mali loosomashishini babucala." UZuma ukwathe, "U-Operation Phakisa uzakunceda nakuphuhliso loqoqosho emaphandleni. Oku kuzokwenza ngokuphuhlisa amanxweme, ngokuphucula ukhenketho kwiindawo ezinamanxweme olwandle nangokufutya

kweentlanzi." Ukwathe yimali ebalelwa kumashumi asibhozo ezigidi zeezrandi ebekelwe bucala kuphuculo lwendawo zokuloba eNtshona Koloni eziquka iGansbaai, eSaldanha Bay, eStruisbaai, eGordon's Bay kwakunye naseLamberts Bay. Kuzakuvulwa namanye amanxweme eMntla Koloni, eMpuma Koloni kwakunye naKwaZulu-Natal, ndizakuba negalelo kuqoqosho lwaseMaphandleni, uthethe wathsho okaZuma.

Wenze umbulelo ongazenzisiyo kumongameli Zuma uJordaan. "Siyabulela ngesi siphosize notyalo mali nangokuqinisekisa ukuba utyalo mali lifanelekile kwiqabane lakho lomzabalazo uNelson Mandela.

Uncedisa ekwakheni lo masipala, uMadiba uncumile apho akhoyo," utshilo uJordaan.

OkaJordaan uthethe abantu balo masipala bafuna iinguqu hayi utshitsho kulawulo. Uthe, "Singakha izindlu, sisingathe iminyhadala, kodwa oko soze kubeluncedo kuba abantu bafuna imisebenzi." Ubongoze uluntu ukuba livotele iinguqu ngomhla wesithathu kaAgasti walo nyaka. "Siyazi ukuba izandla zethu ziyarhawuzelela, ngumlindo womhla wesithathu ka-Agasti apho sizakuvotela iinguqu kuqoqosho, sivotele iANC ezalisa iihemba memisebenzi." Uqhube wathsho uJordaan. Ulumkise uluntu lwaseBhayi ngelithi uvoto oluze notshitsho liyobe lelingafanelekanga.

Kwakulo msitho, uZuma usungule iziko lemfundo iSouth African International Marine Institute nezakubambisana neYunivesithi yaseNelson Mandela Metropolitan.



BETWEEN THE LINES President Jacob Zuma leads the Transnet choir in singing his trademark song, Awuleth' Umshini Wami, in Port Elizabeth on Friday

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Zuma sings, dances in Port Elizabeth

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For a man riding a titanic political storm, with unprecedented calls to resign, President Jacob Zuma seems unmoved and ready to fight back.

The ANC in the Eastern Cape pulled out all the stops to avoid a repeat of what happened at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University's Vista campus on December 16, when the president addressed a small crowd and some empty chairs during his live televised address on the Day of Reconciliation in Port Elizabeth.

On Friday, people, some in wheelchairs, were bussed in from surrounding townships to attend the president's address about Operation Phakisa, the oceans economy initiative.

Zuma gave a progress report on the fast-results delivery programme at the city's port.

The day's events, which were scheduled to start at 10am, managed to get going only a few minutes before 1pm as busses were still ferrying people wearing yellow ANC T-shirts.

The crowd then marched into the large marquee on the grounds of the port.

Zuma arrived at 12.30pm to thunderous applause from the ANC supporters who had filled the marquee and two overflow tents.

It was announced that 10 000 people had attended the event on Friday.

As he made his way into the large marquee, his supporters burst into a choreographed chant: "Zuma-Zuma-Zuma!"

It was clear that Zuma enjoyed the support of the people in attendance, despite being unpopular with a lot of South Africans due to the Nkandla debacle and the court's finding against him and Parliament.

He waved and smiled and briefly showed a glimpse of his dancing moves as the crowd broke into a song, Ngulo Zuma lo abamaziyo, abazange bambone, a popular pro-Zuma slogan among party followers.

Despite water bottles placed on the VIP table at the main stage for the dignitaries, a woman goes to the president and gives him two bottles of water in front of him and he places them in front of him.

Flanked by ministers Lynne Brown for public

enterprises and Edna Molewa, responsible for environmental affairs, the president often shares jokes and chats with them.

Wearing a black suit, white shirt and maroon tie, he looks straight at the crowd at times, seemingly in deep thought. He takes off his glasses and wipes them and then his face.

He constantly rubs his hands as he sits.

He sings along to the national anthem, led by the Transnet choir.

After sharing a brief history about the project, Minister Brown calls President Zuma to the podium to deliver his address.

The crowd goes berserk again as they cheer their under-fire leader.

In his 35-minute speech, the president sticks to the script and makes just a few off-the-cuff remarks in relation to the importance of the National Development Plan and how Operation Phakisa was a fundamental tool to achieve the blueprint document.

He also announced a further R7 billion cash injection by Transnet's National Ports Authority to improve the country's ports.

After finishing his speech, Zuma joined the

Transnet choir, where he mesmerised the audience with his trademark song, Umshini Wami.

Eastern Cape Premier Phumulo Masualle declared the province to be the president's second home.

"Remain calm. This is your home. You don't have to worry about anything. We are all here behind you," he said.

The province is the second biggest in terms of ANC membership numbers after Zuma's home province of KwaZulu-Natal.

Mlilo Qoboshiyane, provincial ANC spokesperson and MEC for Rural Development, said the positive turn-out was a curtain-raiser for next week's ANC manifesto launch at the Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium ahead of the August 3 local government elections.

He said the province was firmly behind its president, despite the many calls for him to resign.

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Zuma to pay visit to Port Elizabeth

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President Jacob Zuma is expected to visit the Port of Port Elizabeth on Friday to provide feedback on Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy Initiatives.

According to the port manager, Rajesh Dana, the event would serve as an opportunity to showcase the achievements made by the port in relation to Operation Phakisa.

“Transnet National Ports Authority would also like to use this opportunity to position the Port of Port Elizabeth as a world-class port that prides itself on efficiency, service excellence and safety.”

Dana added that other Operation Phakisa-related projects included the refurbishment of the slipway, the acquisition of a boat hoist and the acquisition of Tug Mvezo.

“This event will attract a large influx of business leaders, political leaders and members of the community to the Port of Port Elizabeth,” Dana said

Operation Phakisa unlocks R17bn in economy

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Operation Phakisa -

According to President Jacob Zuma says more than R17bn has been unlocked in the economy since the launch of Operation Phakisa: Ocean Economy less than two years ago.

The initiative has further created 4,500 jobs.

The President said this on Friday during a visit to the Port of Port Elizabeth. The visit was aimed at monitoring the economic activity taking place and reporting back on the progress made since the launch of Operation Phakisa: Ocean Economy.

The event was attended by Cabinet ministers, MECs as well as heads of state-owned enterprises.

A study conducted by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University had quantified the value of South Africa's oceans, which indicated that oceans around the country were estimated to have the potential of contributing R54bn to Gross Domestic Product and an estimated 316,000 jobs.

Further analysis undertaken in 2013 found that nine sectors of South Africa's ocean economy could generate an estimated GDP contribution of R129 to R177bn by 2033 and double the number of jobs estimated in 2010.

On Friday, President Zuma told the crowd gathered inside a white marquee at the busy port that government had learned good lessons in implementing Operation Phakisa: Ocean Economy and unlocking private sector investment.

“Where government has made interventions, whether within the policy space or facilitating authorisations and approvals or providing some incentives, it has unlocked private sector investment,” he said.

Government would continue to work hand in hand with the private sector and all its partners and stakeholders to ensure more investments are attracted.

Within the last year and a half, Operation Phakisa’s primary focus had been on implementing mechanisms to systematically clear constraints and blockages hampering the development of these projects, he said.

“Operation Phakisa will also be used to develop rural economies. This we shall do through small harbour development, coastal and marine tourism and aquaculture which is the fish industry,” he said

An amount of R80m had been allocated for the rehabilitation and maintenance of proclaimed fishing harbours in Gansbaai, Saldanha Bay, Struisbaai, Gordons Bay and Lamberts Bay in the Western Cape.

The establishment of three new harbours in the Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal would also provide opportunities for local and rural economic development.

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Earlier in the day, the President was taken to the re-constructed slipway and lead-in jetties within the Port of PE.

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Public Enterprises Minister Lynne Brown said Transnet, through the Transnet National Ports Authority, continues to play a crucial role in the development of new and refurbishment of existing infrastructure at the ports with the aim of revitalising the oceans economy while creating opportunities for broader economic activity around the ports.

“Through this, opportunities are therefore created for the development of industrial clusters around the various ports across the country. These include the boat building, boat and ship repairs, rig repairs, oil and gas, and aquaculture among others. Transnet National Ports Authority has the responsibility of providing access to the land and ports infrastructure for the competing economic activities within the oceans economy,” Minister Brown said.

In the case of the Port of Port Elizabeth, the intention was to create the boat building and boat repairs industries and the composite cluster at the back of the Port.

Eastern Cape Premier Phumulo Masualle noted that the province boasts 820km of the coastal line and the ocean is key to the province’s economy

“Infrastructure projects are beginning to bear fruit in our oceans and we are continuing to build and unlock ocean economy,” Premier Masualle said.

He said through the initiatives such as the Coega Development Cooperation as well as East London and Port Elizabeth Industrial Development Zones, the province will continue to take advantage of its oceans to bring about economic development.

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It's 'Phakisa' vs 'Pakisha' in Port Elizabeth

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On Wednesday, the Presidency announced that President Jacob Zuma will be giving a “progress report on the implementation of South Africa’s ground-breaking Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy initiative” at the city’s port.

On Thursday, the Democratic Alliance said its federal leader, Mmusi Maimane, is to wrap up a registration drive in KwaNobuhle, Uitenhage, Despatch, Veeplaas and Zwide at the Chatty Hall “for a mass ‘Operation Pakisha’ public meeting in PE’s Northern Areas”.

Zuma launched Operation Phakisa – which means “hurry up” in seSotho – in July 2014 “as a results-driven approach to development, involving various sectors such as business, labour, academia, civil society, state-owned entities and government”.

The Presidency statement said the ocean around South Africa “has a potential to contribute up to R177-billion to the gross domestic product and create up to one million jobs by 2033”, and said the “Operation Phakisa is an adaptation of the Big Fast Results methodology that was successfully applied by the Malaysian government”.

The DA’s Operation Pakisha meeting – “Pack and go!” in Zulu, according to a party statement – is also about results, as it will see “hundreds of supporters and residents...stand up for change in our metro”.

“In less than four months’ time, voters of Nelson Mandela Bay can take our destiny into our hands and can bring change through a local government that delivers services, cuts corruption and creates jobs,” the DA said.

Operation Phakisa unlocks R17bn in economy

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Port Elizabeth – President Jacob Zuma says more than R17 billion has been unlocked in the economy since the launch of Operation Phakisa: Ocean Economy less than two years ago.

The initiative has further created 4 500 jobs.

The President said this on Friday during a visit to the Port of Port Elizabeth. The visit was aimed at monitoring the economic activity taking place and reporting back on the progress made since the launch of Operation Phakisa: Ocean Economy.

The event was attended by Cabinet ministers, MECs as well as heads of state-owned enterprises.

A study conducted by the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University had quantified the value of South Africa's oceans, which indicated that oceans around the country were estimated to have the potential of contributing R54 billion to Gross Domestic Product and an estimated 316 000 jobs.

Further analysis undertaken in 2013 found that nine sectors of South Africa's ocean economy could generate an estimated GDP contribution of R129 to R177 billion by 2033 and double the number of jobs estimated in 2010.

On Friday, President Zuma told the crowd gathered inside a white marquee at the busy port that government had learned good lessons in implementing Operation Phakisa: Ocean Economy and unlocking private sector investment.

“Where government has made interventions, whether within the policy space or facilitating authorisations and approvals or providing some incentives, it has unlocked private sector investment,” he said.

Government would continue to work hand in hand with the private sector and all its partners and stakeholders to ensure more investments are attracted.

Within the last year and a half, Operation Phakisa's primary focus had been on implementing mechanisms to systematically clear constraints and blockages hampering the development of these projects, he said.

“Operation Phakisa will also be used to develop rural economies. This we shall do through small harbour development, coastal and marine tourism and aquaculture which is the fish industry,” he said

An amount of R80 million had been allocated for the rehabilitation and maintenance of proclaimed fishing harbours in Gansbaai, Saldanha Bay, Struisbaai, Gordons Bay and Lamberts Bay in the Western Cape.

The establishment of three new harbours in the Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal would also provide opportunities for local and rural economic development.

In the aquaculture sector, more than R400 million worth of investments, both from the private sector and government, have been committed across ten aquaculture farms in the Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal, Western Cape and Northern Cape.

President Zuma also announced the launch of the South African International Marine Institute to be based at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality. The initiative facilitates the development of the skills and knowledge base required to ensure the success of “Blue Economy” maritime economic development for Operation Phakisa and the African Union’s African Integrated Maritime Strategy.

Earlier in the day, the President was taken to the re-constructed slipway and lead-in jetties within the Port of PE.

The refurbished slipway will be able to accommodate more vessels. When the development is complete, at least 12 vessels will be accommodated for hull inspection and maintenance as compared to the current two.

President Zuma further unveiled a plaque at the newly-acquired boat hoist of PE. It is the second of its kind in the country.

“This boat hoist has a 90 ton capacity and forms part of the construction of a new slipway. This will ensure that the industry is assisted more efficiently than in the past,” said the President.

Public Enterprises Minister Lynne Brown said Transnet, through the Transnet National Ports Authority, continues to play a crucial role in the development of new and refurbishment of existing infrastructure at the ports with the aim of revitalising the oceans economy while creating opportunities for broader economic activity around the ports.

“Through this, opportunities are therefore created for the development of industrial clusters around the various ports across the country. These include the boat building, boat and ship repairs, rig repairs, oil and gas, and aquaculture among others. Transnet National Ports Authority has the responsibility of providing access to the land and ports infrastructure for the competing economic activities within the oceans economy,” Minister Brown said.

In the case of the Port of Port Elizabeth, the intention was to create the boat building and boat repairs industries and the composite cluster at the back of the Port.

Eastern Cape Premier Phumulo Masualle noted that the province boasts 820 kilometres of the coastal line and the ocean is key to the province’s economy

“Infrastructure projects are beginning to bear fruit in our oceans and we are continuing to build and unlock ocean economy,” Premier Masualle said.

He said through the initiatives such as the Coega Development Cooperation as well as East London and Port Elizabeth Industrial Development Zones, the province will continue to take advantage of its oceans to bring about economic development.

Oceans Economy Turning the Tide

Operation Phakisa has already achieved much since its official inauguration by President Jacob Zuma. The Oceans Economy Lab, under the leadership of the Department of Environmental Affairs has engaged 656 participants from 68 institutions in government, private sector, civil society, labour, and academia and developed 47 detailed initiatives, translating into more than 400 key performance indicators (KPIs) and 2900+ specific activities.

Progress of Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy



Marine Transport and Manufacturing

- South Africa has nine major ports with opportunities for economic growth.
- R7 billion has been committed and already 200 jobs have been created in new port facilities and refurbishment and maintenance of existing ones has been concluded over the last 12 months.
- Transnet National Ports Authority has developed a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model for port infrastructure development.
- The Minister of Transport has granted a Section 79 application for a port lease at the Port of Port Elizabeth, in support of the composites cluster and boat building.
- The Department of Trade and Industry has designated working vessels for local procurement (60% local content).



Aquaculture

- 24 projects have been selected and sequenced for implementation across three phases.
- 10 projects are on schedule (jobs, production, GDP and transformation).
- The Department of Public Works task team rolls out six leases, of which three are approved.
- Nine Aquaculture farms are already in production - Eastern Cape, Kwazulu-Natal, Western Cape and Northern Cape.
- A private company has sourced funding of R960 000 from Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Department of Trade and Industry and R6.9 million from Industrial Development Corporation for expansion of the farm.
- Fish feed plant in operation which improves access to affordable feed, first batches of feed have been registered.

- A private company in Hermanus has constructed four unit buildings, 640 of the tanks placed, three units have water and air distribution systems, spats have been placed in two of the grow-on production units - funding of R11 million from ADEP.
- Hamburg – Kob successful first harvests in Cape Town.
- Over R3 million invested from the private sector, over a R1 million from government, 8 SMMEs empowered and 521 jobs created.
- Implementation of 12 ready-to-operate projects and selection of additional projects.
- Capacity building for entire sector.

Small Harbour Development

- Upgrades commenced in five harbours;
 - Gansbaai,
 - Saldanha Bay,
 - Struisbaai,
 - Gordons Bay,
 - Lambert Bay,
 with a roadmap to proclaim new harbours in Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and Kwazulu-Natal.



Skills and Capacity Building

- Establishment of the South African International Maritime Institute to drive skills development- skills needs identified for all sectors.
- Skills development- 22 000 Trainees, 521 Seafarers, 449 Maritime Students, 186 Registered Cadets and Seniors in training.
- 20 699 Artisans trained.
- 165 pursuing training in aquaculture.
- Parliament approved amendments of the Seafarers Bill to fast-track skills development within the maritime sector.

Offshore Oil and Gas (O&G) Exploration

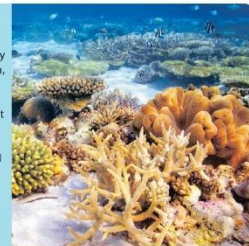
- Minister of Science and Technology signed MOU with oil and gas industry- partnership to grow public sector research through private sector explorations. The South African Marine Research and Exploration Forum launched on 29 January 2016.
- International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund negotiations have been concluded- Department of Transport processing outstanding payments and preparing submission reports.
- Department of Mineral Resources issued 15 licenses for exploration to oil and gas industry. Department of Energy issued Ministerial determination for gas IPP.
- Fiscal terms clarity.
- This sector has achieved considerable results under several headings:
 - Phased gas pipeline network.
 - Joint government industry response drills.
 - Operationalise the International Pollution Compensation Fund.
 - Exploiting broader research opportunities presented by o&g exploration.
 - Develop local content roadmap, collaborative skills strategy road map and capacity for subsurface research and data gathering.



The Marine Protection Services and Governance

The Marine Protection Services and Governance (MPG) Delivery Unit (DU) has already been established for facilitation, coordinating and implementing all initiatives.

- Draft Marine Spatial Planning Bill was approved by Cabinet for public comment.
- National Oceans and Coastal Information System developed and work has commenced through the Council for Scientific and Industrial research.
- A draft National Framework for Marine Spatial Planning has been completed in order to designate the ocean for specific use and avoid user conflict.
- Regulation and declaration notices have been completed for the 22 offshore Marine protected areas.
- National Oceans and Coastal information system work has commenced through the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.
- The technical and financial support from Benguela Current Commission (BCC) through the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH on the regional project "Marine Spatial Management and Governance" (MARISMA) for the development of the National Framework for Marine Spatial Planning.

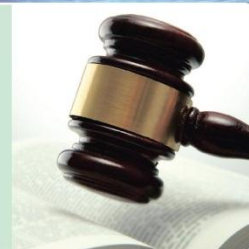


Coastal and Marine Tourism

- This programme leverages the world renowned Blue Flag Beach programme which is designed to ensure sound management practices for beach precincts. It provides quality and enhanced experience to visitors.

Enabling Policy and Legislation

- Mineral Petroleum and Resources Development Amendment Bill to be resolved in the first semester of parliament.
- Draft Aquaculture Bill is finalised.
- Security Cluster established an inter-departmental Technical Working Group in order to align all security operations in the maritime environment.
- Operation Fiela was conducted in coastal areas of Northern Cape and Eastern Cape in November 2015, with various fines and offenses concluded.



Aquaculture offers real opportunities for SMMEs



Globally, aquaculture supplies almost 50% of the world's fish and it is estimated that by 2030, the world will require an additional 50 tonnes of fish, which will come mainly from aquaculture.

In South Africa, this industry is still emerging and thus the production levels currently remain low, but it presents a great opportunity to diversify fish production and satisfy local and national demand, while contributing to food and nutritional security, stimulating rural development and livelihoods, creating opportunities for SMMEs, export trade and foreign direct investment. The aquaculture sector fosters inclusive economic growth and sustainable development, through local communities' empowerment and its contribution to environmental integrity safeguard.

"There has also been notable progress in the aquaculture sector, where we have focused in the short term on regulatory reform, financing, skills development and access to markets," states Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs.

To date, 10 projects are in process in Eastern Cape; Northern Cape; Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal, with funding secured from the newly established Aquaculture Development Enhancement Programme (ADEP). More than 500 jobs have been created and committed; the sector has realised private sector investment of R338

million with government investment at R106 million, with a projected increase in production of 2901 tonnes. Twelve new projects have been selected and additional 17 new applications are currently in the assessment phase, which also involve Mpumalanga and Gauteng.

Aquaculture projects have the potential to grow the sector's size from approximately R700 million today, to almost R3 billion by 2019. However, the industry faces constraints such as the lack of infrastructure and enabling environment that are being addressed.

As an example the Environmental Impact Assessment and Biodiversity Regulations have been amended and only a basic assessment is now required instead of a full environmental impact assessment. This will certainly reduce the timeframes tremendously and ensure faster implementation. Furthermore, an Inter-Departmental Authorisations Committee has been established in order to streamline application and authorisation processes.

The Department of Environmental Affairs has reviewed the norms and standards for trout and abalone and The Department of Public Works will be awarding more long-term leases for projects, following approvals of applications through the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Operation Phakisa to boost job creation

“The implementation of South Africa’s Ocean Economy strategy is well on track, thanks to Operation Phakisa, launched by President Jacob Zuma in 2014,” says Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs and Leader of the Ocean Economy Phakisa.

Since its launch, the Operation Phakisa primary focus has been on implementing mechanisms to systematically clear constraints and blockages hampering the development of these projects (initiatives), such as legislative uncertainty, lengthy and bureaucratic authorisation procedures, delays in funding flows, infrastructure challenges and skills gaps.

“By far the greatest registered

success of Operation Phakisa has been the introduction of a ‘one-stop-shop’ approach to inter-departmental cooperation; thereby reducing turnaround times and speeding up decision making and delivery,” continues Minister Molewa. As part of unblocking obstacles to major infrastructure development, Operation Phakisa is currently working on the rehabilitation, upgrade and redevelopment of several small harbours, such as dredging and removal of sunken vessels. A roadmap has also been developed for the proclamation of new harbours in the Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu-Natal.

The successful application of the

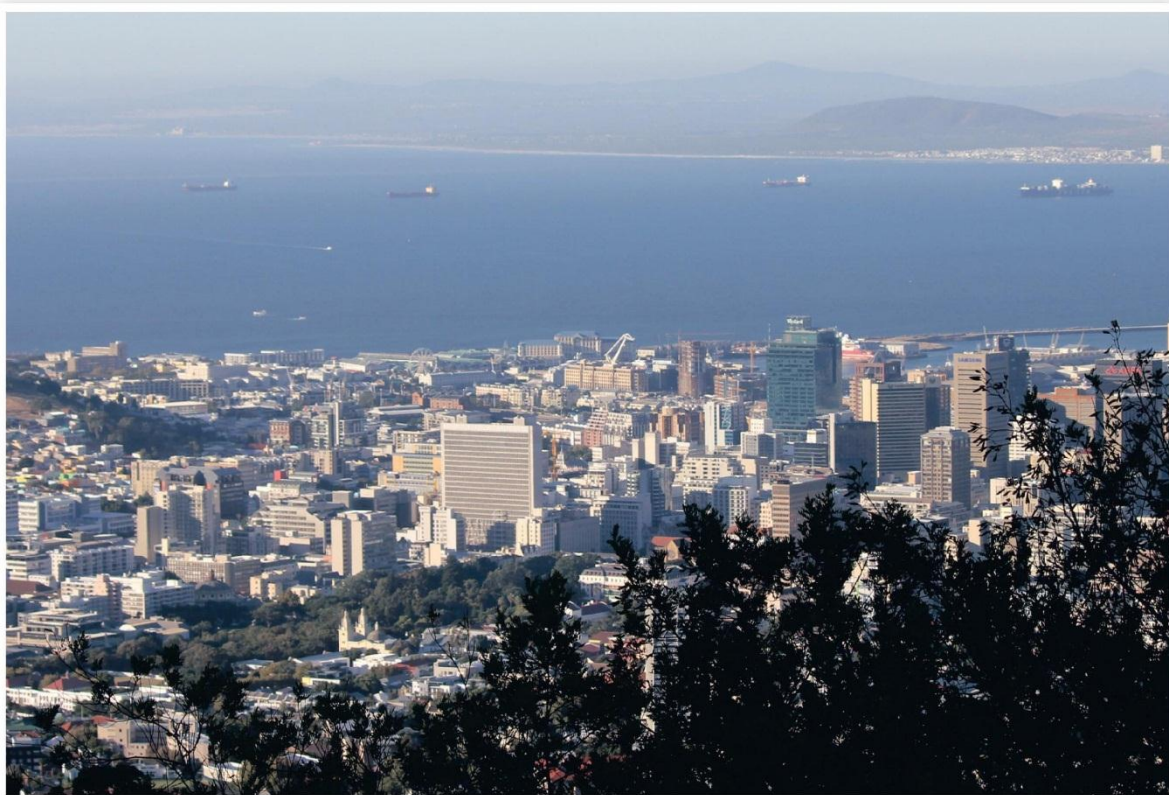
methodology has been evident in the Marine Transport and Manufacturing sector. Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) and Transnet SOC Limited have adopted a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model to finance new Operation Phakisa infrastructure at the Ports of Saldanha Bay, Richards Bay and East London. Moreover they will fund and execute the refurbishment and upgrade of existing Ship Repair Facilities at commercial ports in Saldanha Bay, Port Elizabeth and Durban.

Other important achievements in this sector include private sector investments, that will create an additional 3000 indirect jobs and the registration

of three vessels on the South African Ship register, which are now flying the South African flag and employing South African qualified officers and cadets. In the Offshore Oil and Gas sector, Operation Phakisa is similarly working on the establishment of purpose built infrastructure and clearing blockages that hamper the development of the strategic projects. The Minister for Science and Technology, Minister Pandor, launched the South African Marine Research and Exploration Forum on 30 January 2016. This is a critical partnership between the public sector and private sector extractive industries, represented by the Offshore Petroleum South Africa, to

exploit the broader research opportunities presented by offshore oil and gas exploration to undertake research, using private sector vessels in the interests of South Africa.

“Whether building new ports, or in training more young South Africans for careers in the aquaculture sector, investor interest in our Oceans Economy has been revitalised through Operation Phakisa. The projects continue to hold immense potential as a catalyst for the development of our people, and for our country’s economy in general, whilst ensuring the safety and sustainability of our marine environment,” concludes Molewa.



Operation Phakisa: Moving South Africa's Oceans Economy forward

The Department of Environmental Affairs will lead the first implementation of Operation Phakisa. It will focus on unlocking the economic potential of South Africa's oceans, which, it is estimated, have the potential to contribute up to one hundred and seventy seven billion Rand to GDP by 2033 compared to fifty four billion Rand in 2014.*

H.E. President J.G. Zuma, July 2014

At his State of the Nation Address on 11 February 2016, President Jacob Zuma highlighted the importance of the oceans economy in catalysing economic growth and boosting job creation, as part of government's Nine Point Plan. Operation Phakisa is a major initiative by government to address the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality in South Africa.

Progress achieved since Operation Phakisa was launched in 2014 include a R7 billion investment in port infrastructure development, following the adoption of a Public- Private- Partnership model by Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA). Another development has been the launch of a fuel storage and distribution facility in Cape Town, bringing an investment of R660 million. President Zuma further noted: "I am pleased to announce that two bulk carrier vessels have been registered in Port Elizabeth and a third tanker in Cape Town on the South African Ships register and are flying the South African flag."

Operation Phakisa (meaning 'hurry up' in Sesotho) was launched by President Zuma in July 2014, deriving

the concept from Malaysia's Big Fast Results Methodology.

It is a results-driven approach to development, involving various sectors such as business, labour, academia, civil society and government. Through this collective and integrated approach, different sectors work together to develop delivery action plans, set targets, and provide on-going monitoring.

The Ocean Economy Phakisa focuses on:

- Marine Transport and Manufacturing, led by the Department of Transport;
- Offshore Oil and Gas, led by the Department of Mineral Resources;
- Aquaculture, led by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries;
- Marine Protection Services and Ocean Governance, led by the Department of Environmental Affairs;
- Small Harbours Development, led by Department of Public Works; and
- Coastal and Marine Tourism, led by the Department of Tourism.

All initiatives are enabled through skills development and capacity building, led by the Department of Higher Education and Training - and complemented by research, technology and innovation initiatives led by the Department of Science and Technology.

South Africa's coast line is approximately 3000 km (3 900km including the sub-Antarctic islands of

Marion Island and Prince Edward Island in the Southern Ocean). Every year, approximately 30 000 vessels pass through our waters and 13 000 vessels dock in our ports. In addition, 300 million tonnes of cargo on foreign-owned vessels are shipped and 1.2 million tonnes of liquid fuel passes along our coast annually. Government has identified investment in port infrastructure as critical to harnessing this enormous economic opportunity. Over R7 billion has been committed by Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) to ensure South Africa's ports have the infrastructure capability to capitalise on these opportunities. South Africa also has the potential to service the oil and gas sector, expanding its capabilities for oil/gas rig repair and maintenance from the current four rigs being serviced per year. In this regard, specialised infrastructure is being developed through the Public Private Partnership model in Saldanha Bay on South Africa's west coast, work has already commenced on an Offshore Supply Base, as part of an approximately R9.2 billion Public Private Partnership to develop an oil and gas service complex.

Government will continue to facilitate a favourable investment climate and address existing constraints. To this end, investment amounting to approximately R17 billion has already been unlocked in the oceans economy. The South African government sees the small business sector as crucial to economic growth, and will continue to facilitate opportunities in the oceans economy for small, medium

and micro enterprises (SMMEs) women, youth and people with disabilities.

Small harbour development, coastal and marine tourism and aquaculture present significant potential for growing rural economies. In the aquaculture sector there have already been a number of successful ventures

involving local communities in aquaculture - with scope to expand further.

The implementation of Operation Phakisa and the Big Fast Results methodology has changed the way government conducts its business. In a move away from a 'silo' approach, it has introduced a new approach of

syndication to resolve challenges and speed up economic development. As noted by President Zuma in His State of the Nation address in 2016:

"It (Operation Phakisa) has compelled government to engage with all stakeholders simultaneously to craft a vision and mechanism for unlocking the economic potential of South

Africa's oceans and other sectors.

We thank all our stakeholders for supporting this worthwhile project, which is changing the way government works for the betterment of society and to improve the quality of life of our people."



Front row: President Jacob Zuma, Minister in the Presidency, Mr Jeff Radebe and Minister of Environmental Affairs, Mrs Edna Molewa.
Second row: Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Mr Senzeni Zokwana and Minister of Public Service and Administration, Mr Ngoako Ramathodi (at the time of the launch, Minister of Mineral Resources)



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