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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

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

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF**  
**ANGOLA**

**ON**

**TRADE COOPERATION**

## **PREAMBLE**

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Angola, (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and separately 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 South Africa (hereinafter referred to as "the RSA") and the Republic of Angola (hereinafter referred to as "Angola");

**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 Angola 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 the RSA and Angola 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 provided for 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 the RSA, the Department of Trade and Industry (hereinafter referred to as the "DTI"); and
- (b) in the case of Angola, the Ministry of Commerce (hereinafter referred to as the "MINCO").

**ARTICLE 2**  
**TRADE 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 MINCO with scoping and designing programmes for designated development projects in Angola.
- (2) The DTI and the MINCO 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 Angola.
- (3) In order to take advantage of the existing vast trade opportunities in both countries, the following specific actions shall be carried out:
  - (a) The DTI and the MINCO shall sensitise, encourage and assist trade operators to undertake joint trade promotional activities including, but not confined to, participation in the national and international trade fairs organised in both countries, mounting of solo exhibitions, and closer co-operation between industry associations and chambers of commerce of the two countries.

- (b) The DTI and the MINCO shall accelerate in line with the provisions of the SADC Protocol on Trade to promote tariff reduction, elimination of non-tariff barriers and the removal of possible technical barriers which preclude trade within the shortest possible time.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**CO-OPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL**  
**INFRASTRUCTURE**

The DTI and the MINCO shall endeavour to identify commercial infrastructure projects in order to enhance the competitiveness of the South African and Angolan economies.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**COLLABORATION ON CAPACITY BUILDING, INSTITUTIONAL**  
**STRENGTHENING, AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION**

- (1) The MINCO and the DTI shall, in partnership, endeavour to build capacity, strengthen commercial institutions and enhance technical cooperation in the following fields:
  - (a) Quality control;
  - (b) trade Policy
  - (c) development of capacity in trade policy in the areas of, *inter alia*, -
    - (i) trade negotiations;
    - (ii) commercial policy formulation and implementation;
    - (iii) trade and investment promotion;
    - (iv) company registration
    - (v) branding and certification of products; and
    - (vi) promoting linkages between relevant institutions in particular through exchange programs.