

## Press release from the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)

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### CTICC East expansion to bring new opportunities to Cape

The Cape Town International Convention Centre's (CTICC) expansion project, known as CTICC East, has already secured several high profile events.

CTICC CEO Julie-May Ellingson provided delegates attending the convention centre's annual financial results presentation today (25 October) with an overview of the new facility and the construction progress.

Major international conferences will occupy the CTICC East facility. The first Global Evidence Summit will highlight and promote evidence-informed approaches to health policy and development and will take place in September 2017. In March 2018, the 17<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Tobacco or Health will provide a platform for the effective participation of Tobacco Control partners and actors. The World Ophthalmology Congress in 2020 promises to attract 15 000 delegates to the city and region and the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress of Immunology will bring together global experts in immunology in August 2022 and will act as a showcase for innovation in vaccine treatments.

The conference wins are an indication of the level of support the CTICC has been receiving for its expansion project. CTICC East will provide 31 148m<sup>2</sup> in floor space and will add to the centre's capacity through 10 000m<sup>2</sup> of multi-purpose conference and exhibition space and 3 000m<sup>2</sup> of formal and informal meeting space.

"The expansion adds 28% more space. So now we have a total of 140 855m<sup>2</sup> on offer to our clients. This will allow the CTICC to host much larger events and it will also increase the number of events we can host concurrently. The expansion will also provide the necessary capacity for clients who wish to growth their events," explained Ellingson.

During the financial year the CTICC invested a further R351 million in the new CTICC East expansion, which will open for business next year. The CTICC, City of Cape Town and Western Cape Government are investing a total of R832 million in the project. The expansion is of strategic value to the investors as it will help to raise the global competitiveness of Cape Town as a premier world-class meetings and events destination which ensure significant socio-economic benefits to the region.

As of June 2016, the end of the CTICC financial year, the construction of CTICC East had produced some remarkable construction statistics:

- 20 609 m<sup>3</sup> of concrete, totalling the weight of 800 Southern Right Whales has been poured.
- 1 087 tonnes of structural steel has been used; the weight of 155 average sized African Male Bull Elephants.



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- 2 338 336 bricks have been used, enough to pave the way from Cape Town to Plettenberg Bay.
- The 20 609m<sup>3</sup> stone cladding would cover half a rugby pitch
- 370km of electrical and data cabling have been installed; the distance between Cape Town and Mosselbay
- And a staggering 1 201 904 total man-hours of work have been completed on the project.

Ellingson also reported that the construction of the expansion has already created 1 019 jobs, including 58 job opportunities for women. In addition, of the twenty-one students working on the project, 18 have been young women studying for built-environment related qualifications.

“We have built on the foundation of the previous years, focussing on ideas of expansion and extension – both physical in terms of our new CTICC East expansion and geographically in terms of how we seek to reach out and connect with our continent and the world. CTICC East will allow us to grow our economic value; to maximise economic spin-off for the city and region,” said Julie-May Ellingson, Chief Executive Officer of the CTICC.

Facilities at the new building will include multipurpose conference and exhibition space sub-divided into six halls with three halls per floor, four meeting suites, five meeting pod rooms, two terrace rooms, three kitchens, a modern sky bridge over the Heerengracht that will connect CTICC West with CTICC East, and a tunnel which will connect the two buildings' service areas.

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- Attachment 1: CTICC East Construction Highlights
- Attachment 2: A view of the CTICC East construction site as at October 2016

