

## **Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) releases press statement**

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### **CTICC East on track for 2017 opening**

After hosting a successful Cape Construction Expo 2016 last week, the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) is proud to announce that it is on track to open its CTICC East expansion in 2017.

Construction to CTICC East, which started in 2014, 11 years after CTICC West officially opened its doors, compliments other construction developments taking place on Cape Town's Foreshore including the Netcare Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital and KPMG Place.

A key milestone in the construction of the building has started with the glazing of the Western façade. The next steps will be to commence the roof sheeting scheduled to start in September and the fitting of the cold rooms and kitchens due to start at the end of October.

The completed expansion will occupy 31 000m<sup>2</sup> in total. The main facility includes 10 000m<sup>2</sup> of conference and exhibition space, sub divisible into six halls (three halls per floor), four meeting suits, five meeting pod rooms and two terrace rooms. Additionally, the new space will include three kitchens as well as a modern sky bridge connecting CTICC West to CTICC East. A tunnel underneath the Heerengracht will connect the two buildings' service areas. The building will have an integrated modern building management system which will allow for effective control over utility use and harness technology to lower the cost of resources. In December 2015, the CTICC expansion was awarded a Four Star Green Building rating by the South African Green Building Council.

The City of Cape Town, Western Cape Government and Convenco (CTICC) are investing R832 million in the expansion of the centre.

"The increased capacity will allow us to host even larger events as well as run multiple large-scale events concurrently. In addition to changing the landscape of the Foreshore, the CTICC East expansion and surrounding construction projects have had a tremendous impact on sustaining jobs in the sector as well as creating opportunities for the economic development of Cape Town," says CTICC Chief Executive Officer, Julie-May Ellingson.

She adds: "We believe CTICC will also add to the increase in prospective events and conferences taking place in the City of Cape Town which will in turn, boost both leisure and business tourism."

The main construction is expected to be completed towards the end of 2016, with commissioning taking place in February and March 2017.

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