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***Driving the knowledge economy through infrastructure development***

At the CTICC we recognise that economic sustainability is only possible through a willingness to continually invest back into our product offering and infrastructure.

To this end, over the past financial year, we invested significantly into enhancing our systems, processes, services, infrastructure and facilities via 30 large capital investment projects.

Some of the significant projects completed include:

- The addition of 319 parking bays in the P1 parking facility increasing capacity to 1400 bays
- The phase one refurbishment of “Coffee on the Square”
- Extensive Wi-Fi upgrades across the CTICC, including a higher capacity Wi-Fi router
- Replacement of the control room surveillance and Building Management System (BMS) monitoring screens
- The provision of emergency lighting in all the exhibition halls
- The retiling of the restaurant areas
- The refurbishment of the production kitchen floors, including retiling and ceiling renewal
- Various repairs to the external building façade

The most notable infrastructure project has been the commencement of the construction of CTICC East, which will be a significant extension of our existing facility, with a budget of R832m.

The expansion is jointly funded by the City of Cape Town and Western Cape Government. The expansion will raise the global competitiveness of Cape Town as a premier world-class meetings and events destination, giving effect to the City's Integrated Development Plan's objective of establishing Cape Town as Africa's business events destination.

The expansion effectively doubles our existing exhibition capacity, by adding 10 000 m<sup>2</sup> of multi-purpose conference and exhibition space and 3 000 m<sup>2</sup> of formal and informal meeting space. This will also allow the CTICC to meet the growing demand to stage more events, offer more flexibility and host concurrent events and exhibitions of various sizes.

The CTICC has already secured its first bid to host the World Ophthalmology Congress, that will see both CTICC West and East simultaneously occupied by 15 000 delegates in 2020. Many of our repeat clients have also indicated their intention to expand into CTICC East in 2017.

In addition, by allowing us to attract even more global associations and large, knowledge-based events, the CTICC expansion will enhance our contribution to the city, province and country's expertise, knowledge and skills.

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