

## CTICC expansion project gets final thumbs up

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City of Cape Town Executive Mayor, Patricia de Lille conducted a final site inspection of the expansion with CTICC Chief Executive Officer, Julie-May Ellingson.

City of Cape Town Executive Mayor, Patricia de Lille, has given her final stamp of approval to the Cape Town International Convention Centre, CTICC 2 expansion project following a final site inspection on Wednesday 6 September 2017.

De Lille declared the project ready to welcome the world after her inspection which included a tour of the main conference and exhibition halls, meeting pod rooms, and the facility's extensive back-of-house areas.

The 31 148 m<sup>2</sup> expansion adds 10 000 m<sup>2</sup> of multipurpose conference and exhibition space through six halls located across two floors. The facility also includes 3 000 m<sup>2</sup> of informal and formal meeting space in the form of four larger meeting suites, a terrace room, and five smaller meeting pod rooms. Two modern rooftop decks provide the ideal backdrop for post-meeting cocktails.

Unlike its original counterpart, the new centre is built across six floors and has more exterior balconies. CTICC 2 will also be able to operate as an independent facility. Its design received a 4-star Green Star rating by the Green Building Council of South Africa.

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The City of Cape Town contributed R550 million towards the expansion costs and the mayor believes that the CTICC is a key driver of the city's efforts to position Cape Town as a forward-looking, globally competitive business city.

"This has been a long journey, but it's only through focused and visionary leadership by the City and its partners that we can welcome even larger events and conferences to our shores and take this city to greater heights," said Mayor De Lille.

She continued: "CTICC 2 is at the heart of the City's mixed-use Foreshore Freeway Precinct project and the great new opportunities it will bring. At one level, the expansion will enliven this very area, but more importantly it will continue to create jobs and provide a community hub that will make progress possible for the CBD and the city as a whole."

CTICC Chief Executive Officer, Julie-May Ellingson joined the Mayor on her inspection and said the City of Cape Town had been the driving force behind making CTICC 2 possible. "The City and its partners recognised the importance of an expanded CTICC more than a decade ago.

"It's only through their committed support that we could steer a complicated construction process so successfully and I wish to personally thank the Mayor for her encouragement and ongoing support".

The centre will host its first event, the 21st annual Congress of the Council of Shopping Centres, from 13 to 15 September 2017.