

# The Role of IDC in Sustainable Business Development

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## Vision & Mission

- African industry through the Industrial Development Corporation Act (No. 22 of 1940);
- The vision of the IDC is to be the primary source of commercially sustainable industrial development and innovation to the benefit of South Africa and the rest of the African continent;
- The IDC is a self-financing national development finance institution whose primary objectives are to contribute to the generation of balanced, sustainable economic growth in Africa and to the economic empowerment of the South African population, thereby promoting the economic prosperity of all citizens.
- The IDC achieves this by promoting entrepreneurship through the building of competitive industries and enterprises based on sound business principles.
- Pays income tax at corporate rates and dividends to the shareholder.



# **IDC's Positioning**

#### Greater importance on social and developmental objectives

#### **Greater importance on financial objectives**

#### **Government / NGOs**

- Non-commercial focus
- Fiscal transfers and grants
- Development objectives (social)

#### **DFIs**

- Developmental and commercial focus
- Sharing risk
- Internally generated funds, government funds, loans
- Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)
- Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)
- Landbank
- SEFA
- National Empowerment Fund (NEF)
- Etc.

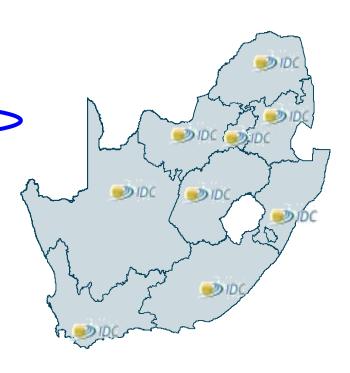
#### **Commercial Financiers**

- High commercial focus
- Private sector capital
- Financial objectives
- Known risks
- ABSA
- Standard Bank
- First National Bank
- Nedbank
- Etc.

IDC does not directly compete with any of these institutions, but encourages cooperation with a variety of these institutions to achieve its goals

# Accessing IDC finance – Ease of interaction for SMEs

- IDC has improved access by rolling out offices throughout the country:
  - Eastern Cape East London + Port Elizabeth
  - Free State Bloemfontein
  - Gauteng Sandton
  - KwaZulu-Natal Durban; Pietermaritzburg; Richards Bay
  - Limpopo Polokwane
  - Mpumalanga Nelspruit
  - North West Rustenburg
  - Northern Cape Kimberley
  - Western Cape Cape Town
- Satellite offices being set up in all provinces, mostly sharing infrastructure with other DFIs
- Pre-investment business centre in Gauteng
- Access to IDC funding has been improved by allowing on-line applications and an on-line tool to assist businesses to develop business plans.



# **Operational Business Units**

**Basic Metals & Mining** 

**Machinery & Equipment** 

**Automotive & Transport** 

Basic & Speciality
Chemicals

Chemical Products & Pharmaceuticals

**Clothing & Textiles** 

Agro-processing & Agriculture

**New Industries** 

**Industrial Infrastructure** 

**Heavy Manufacturing** 

Light Manufacturing & Tourism

**Media & Motion Pictures** 

**Rest of Africa Support** 

# Funding Criteria

#### • What does IDC fund?

- IDC provides finance of more than R1 million for commercially sustainable businesses for the purpose of:
  - Establishment of new businesses
    - Including involvement in pre-feasibility and feasibility studies, assisting promoter to develop projects to a bankable stage.
    - IDC has specific products available to encourage innovation and commercialisation of new technologies:
      - Venture Capital –commercialisation of South African intellectual property;
  - Expansions of existing businesses;
- Funds can be applied for:
  - Buildings as part of the project;
  - Plant and equipment;
  - Working capital.

## **IDC Products**

## Funding instruments:

- Equity
- Quasi-equity
- Commercial debt
- Export/import finance
- Short-term trade finance
- Guarantees
- Venture capital

Finance is structured according to client's needs – can include moratoria on repayments to enable business growth

Minimum funding amount of R1 million

## Gro-E Youth Scheme

#### Qualifying Criteria:

- the business must have economic merit, i.e. it must have prospects of acceptable profitability to service its obligations
- for the duration of funding period cost per job created must not exceed
   R500,000 relating to total funding required by the business.
- BBBEE certification is required from an accredited verification agency, where applicable
- only available to businesses operating in or expanding in South Africa.

#### Funding provided:

- across all IDC mandated sectors
- for start-up businesses includes funding for buildings, machinery and working capital
- for existing businesses, funding for expansionary purposes

### Pricing

 interest rate for loan products will be Prime less 3% for 5 years, thereafter normal IDC pricing will apply

# **Funding Process**

#### **Pipeline**

Applications from existing/prospective businesses

Proactive identification and development of projects



#### **Assessment and decision**

#### Detailed duediligence/feasibility study assessing development impact and sustainability of opportunities:

- Development outcomes
- Market for products/services
- Technical viability and competitiveness
- Financial viability
- Management

Structuring of funding depending on client's needs

Approval of viable transactions at appropriate committee

#### **Monitoring**

Ongoing monitoring of client performance after funding is made available

# Interventions in businesses experiencing difficulties

- Business support
- Restructuring of facilities
- Etc.

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# **Thank You**

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